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Critics call design for £3m Bug a monster

CAMPAIGNERS desperate to save Dudley Hippodrome have branded its replacement as 'monstrous' and they have vowed to fight the £3 million Dudley Bug scheme.

Dudley Zoo has unveiled designs for a new education and conference centre aiming to pay homage to the town's prehistoric past.

It has been designed to recreate the famous Dudley Bug fossil shape. But campaigners said the futuristic Trilobite Building would look out of place shadowed by the 11th century Dudley Castle.

They threw back claims from officials that the Hippodrome was an 'eyesore' and a 'blight' on Castle Hill by rounding on the architecture of the planned multi-million pound centre.

Campaign chairman Geoff Fitzpatrick said he feared the building would become a 'white elephant' for the town. "I think it looks monstrous and I can't quite believe they think this would be in keeping with the medieval castle," he said.

"The Hippodrome is a great example of an art deco styled building that fits in place with the buildings like the Station Hotel nearby."

He added: "It won't stop us. If anything, we want to show that we won't go away and that we will keep fighting. "They've not given permission to demolish it yet."

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Decision due on care home

ELDERLY residents will learn the fate of a care home in Dudley which has been threatened with closure by the end of the summer, bosses have said.

Campaigners have fought for the past two years to keep open New Bradley Hall care home, Kingswinford.

More than 5,000 people signed a petition and leading action group members Mac Scott and Phil Vane have held talks with new Dudley adult social care boss, Councillor Dave Branwood.

A review into all adult social care is taking place.

Ex-mayor quits Tory post after downloading porn



Ray Burston - resigned

A COUNCILLOR who has stepped down from his role with Dudley's shadow cabinet after admitting using his council computer to download pornography has apologised for 'breaching' the trust of his constituents and colleagues.

Councillor Ray Burston, who is a former Mayor of Dudley, quit his post as Conservative spokesman for the environment at a meeting at Dudley Council on Monday night. He will continue to serve as a councillor in the Hayley Green and Cradley South ward.

Dudley's Conservative group leader, Councillor Patrick Harley, said Council-

lor Burston retains the support of his colleagues and could have remained in his post.

In his statement read to the council chamber, Councillor Burston, said: "Whilst the images that have been downloaded are not of an illegal nature, such access, even so, constitutes a clear breach of the council's protocols governing the use of its IT equipment."

"Furthermore - and for me a matter of no lesser import - this access represents a breach of personal, political and religious beliefs that I hold dear and by which I have endeavoured to live my life. "As such, it is for me a matter of per-

sonal honour that I have also breached a trust that has been placed in me by the people of Hayley Green and Cradley South ward, who it is my privilege to represent. Therefore, I can only profoundly apologise to both them and to my council colleagues for my acts and omissions in the matter."

Conservative group leader Councillor Harley said Councillor Burston, who first served on Dudley Council from 1988 to 1996 and was re-elected in 2000, had his full support.

"Ray has voluntarily, with no pressure from myself or my deputy or his association, stepped down from the

shadow cabinet," he said. "He was offered our full support and could have continued in that role."

"He feels it's the right decision and I have to respect and support him for the manner in which he has dealt with it."

Councillor Harley added he did not feel the matter should be dealt with by the council's standards committee as any punishments would be 'inferior' to Councillor Burston's self-imposed resignation.

Council leader Councillor David Sparks said no further action could be taken, as Councillor Burston's actions had not broken the law.

Police have fears over home for children

A DERELICT pub in Quarry Bank will be transformed into a care home for children with learning disabilities - but police could stand in its way after raising safety concerns.

The Birch Coppice has been targeted by vandals and its car park used as a rat-run since it closed in 2010.

New owners CareTech Community Services have unveiled plans to convert it into a home for six children.

Earlier proposals for a three-bed care home and three 'independent living units' have been scrapped.

But West Midlands Police has raised fears for the safety of the children after revealing there were 41 crimes in the street in less than a year. Many were anti-social behaviour incidents.

Crime prevention design advisor Angela Hodggett said: "Between July 1 2012 and June 30, 41 incidents were recorded for Birch Coppice including several incidents of antisocial behaviour, theft of vehicles and damage to vehicles and neighbour disputes."

"Experience shows that vulnerable people can be the target of anti-social behaviour. This is more likely in an area where there has already been incidents of anti-social behaviour."

Planning agents CGP Partnership have submitted the application.

Man stabbed during row

A MAN was stabbed in the back a daylight attack in a quiet Stourbridge street.

The victim, who is in his 40s, was taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, after the assault in Crabbe Street, Lye. Residents spoke of hearing an argument between two men outside a house near the junction with Cross Walks just before 9am Sunday.

The attacker is believed to have fled the scene. The man's injuries were not thought to be life-threatening. Witnesses should call police on 101.

TIME FOR ACTION AT RUSSELLS HALL

by Louise Jew and Lee Watton

RELATIVES of patients who died at Russells Hall Hospital are disappointed that the high level review into how it is run has not resulted in the ousting of its bosses.

A shortage of qualified nurse staff was among the areas of concern in the report by NHS medical director Professor Sir Bruce Keogh.

Resuscitation equipment was left unchecked, pressure mattresses for people with ulcers undelivered and staff shortages on some of the main wards.

Russells Hall was one of 14 around the country found to have higher than expected death rates, although it has avoided being one of 11 to be put into special measures.

NHS bosses have demanded improvements at the Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. And the borough's MPs have also called for action.

Ian Austin, the Dudley North Labour MP, said although the hospital had not been put into special measures, the review showed there were still problems. Tory Dudley South MP Chris Kelly said there needed to be decisive action to sort problems.

James Morris, Tory MP for Halesowen & Rowley Regis, said: "I am pleased that the review concluded that things have got better at Russells Hall and that the hospital is



Russells Hall - 'inadequate qualified nurse staffing levels' on some wards

capable of continuing to get better, but I am also glad that it identified areas that need to be improved if the hospital is to provide the best possible quality of treatment."

Fellow Tory MP Margot James, who represents Stourbridge, said she would willingly have surgery at Russells Hall.

Mr Austin hit out at the leaking of figures in advance of publication of the report, which hinted it would say more than 1,200 patients died needlessly at the hospital in the seven years leading up to 2012. When it was published, the report did not detail the total number of 'excess' deaths at any of the 14 hospitals. "The report shows there have been big problems since 2010 under the

current government," Mr Austin said. "It found that the hospital's A&E department had been subject to 'consistently high activity levels in recent months' and had 'challenges with meeting A&E waiting time targets'. It also found 'inadequate qualified nurse staffing levels' on some wards, including two of the hospital's largest, that would have to be reviewed."

Mr Kelly said: "Only with complete transparency and honesty about problems, followed by decisiveness in sorting them out, can we restore trust in our NHS in Dudley and across the country."

Miss James said: "Overall, that hospital has improved - and I'd willingly submit to

any surgery I needed at Russells Hall Hospital. I understand that things have gone terribly badly wrong for some families, and that's quite inexcusable, but you have to remember that the hospital has one million contacts with patients a year."

The Keogh review found:

- Resuscitation equipment in paediatrics not checked over a bank holiday weekend
- Controlled drug checks not taking place as required

- A 'vital' emergency drug missing in the resuscitation area of A&E

- 'Unacceptable' delays of 24 hours to deliver pressure mattresses, leaving patients with ulcers on 'inappropriate beds/trolleys'

- Nursing staff needing to bid for charity funds for 'basic' equipment such as mattresses and chairs

- Staffing levels and skills not consistently in line with national standards

- Concerns from a staff member that Do Not Attempt Resuscitation (DNAR) procedures were being 'inconsistently followed'

One of biggest areas of concern highlighted was 'inadequate qualified nurse staffing levels' on some wards.

Inspectors found nursing staffing problems on two large wards and called for this to be urgently reviewed by managers.

The report also found a shortfall in the trust's ability to learn from serious incidents and complaints made by patients. It did say the trust was improving and there were a number of areas of 'good practice'.

Trust chief executive Paula Clark welcomed the review. "The review team did not find any areas of major concern that warranted further escalation," she said.

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Poster prizes presented at home fete



Poster competition winners, from left, Sarah Kusoom, Iqra Saffora and Nosheen Akhter

A CRADLEY Heath care home has raised £500 from its annual summer fete.

Trinity House Care Home, Mace Street, invited visitors to its event to raise money for the residents' activity fund.

Relatives, friends and staff members all took part in a variety of activities, including a barbecue, hook-a-duck, manicures and a tombola.

Five children from Reddall Hill Primary School, Trinity Street, Cradley Heath, were also presented with prizes and certificates after

winning an art competition. The youngsters aged six to 11, were asked to design a poster for the event and because residents could not decide on an overall winner, they were all chosen for their efforts. Three of the winners were Sarah Kusoom, aged nine, Iqra Saffora, six, and Nosheen Akhter, seven.

Activity co-ordinator Emma-Louise Coppage, said: "It was a lovely day and it was fantastic to see the amount of support that the home has from families, friends and the local community."

New lease of life plan for pub forced to shut

A LANDMARK Quarry Bank pub is to be refurbished and extended under plans, after standing empty for more than two years.

Plans to revamp the Thorns pub, including an extension to create a new kitchen area, have been submitted to Dudley Council by Birmingham firm BS Enterprises.

The pub, in Thorns Road, was once one of the best-known in the Black Country for its mural of rock stars outside the building and garnering a series of awards for its carvery.

But the pub closed more than two years ago and has remained disused since despite frequent announcements the site was to be refurbished and reopened. It has been branded an eyesore by residents.

Under the new plans, the extension would also house a store, washing area, toilets and extra seating for customers.

There would also be a timber-decked children's play area to the rear and a seating area to the front of the building.

Covered

Trees and shrubs would be planted between the play area and rear of the site and all existing plants at the site would be retained.

A covered yard would be demolished to make way for the new extension if the scheme is approved by the development control committee.

Lye councillor Tremain Herbert said it would be a major boost to the area to have the pub refurbished. "It has been empty for a couple of years and has fallen into a dilapidated condition," she said.

"It is real shame because the pub used to do so well."

"I know it was well used by the people of Lye and Quarry Bank."

"There are so many pubs standing empty in the borough; it is excellent to hear this one could be getting a new lease of life."

The site has been empty since January 2011 when former owners Marston's Brewery reclaimed the pub from previous licensee Paul Skitt.

Snap that gave Charlotte the hump



Before the weight loss - Charlotte Tibbetts on holiday



After dieting - Charlotte today having lost 5st

IT'S a thought which does not cross our minds - but for overweight Charlotte Tibbetts, it was suddenly her greatest fear.

When husband Shaun planned a wedding anniversary holiday to Egypt, the 42-year-old was terrified she would be too big to fit in the aeroplane seat.

Living on a daily diet of chocolate, sweets and alcohol, Charlotte had ballooned to a size 20, tipping the scales at 15st 7lbs, since her wedding day two years before.

Swapping her fat diet of chips, burgers and doughnuts for chicken salad, fruit and fish, Charlotte

transformed her body shape in just 18 months. Today, she weighs 10st 7lbs having shed a huge five stone.

"It was shortly after my first wedding anniversary, I should have been so happy but I'd hit an all-time low," she said.

"I couldn't look in the mirror without crying and I felt uncomfortable leaving the house, withdrawing from my social life and falling into a deep depression."

"Shaun had been talking about going to Egypt for our second anniversary and all I could think about was that photo of me on a camel in Tunisia. Plus, when you're

worried you're too big to fit into an aeroplane seat, you know you have to do something about your weight."

Taking on a new eating plan, she began eating filling foods like pasta, rice, potatoes and lean meat and fish. She said: "I can't believe I did it, but I did, and anyone else can - it has changed my life for the better."

Charlotte, who runs Charlotte's Coaching and Counselling, in New Pool Road, Cradley Heath, now helps others.

She has taken over a Slimming World group based in Lye, which meets at the Salvation Army in High Street every Wednesday at 7.30pm.

Recruitment drive lands new cadets

FOURTEEN youngsters from Halesowen have signed up to an air cadet unit after an open night.

The new cadets, aged 13-17, joined the Halesowen Squadron, King Street, after being shown what the air training corps has to offer. They spent time at the unit's headquarters learning military field training and were able to find out more about the unit's drills and ceremonies, as well as getting to grips with putting up a tent.

A further 16 cadets took part in a weekend of learning during a military exercise at a Ministry of Defence training camp near Shrewsbury.

They found out how the military works when on operations and took control of their own base, protecting it against enemy attacks.

The squadron was formed in 1941 and has 40 members. It is recruiting until August 5. For more information call 0121 550 9223.

Pupils will squeeze in exhibition

PUPILS at a school in Halesowen have been invited to step in to some of their favourite stories as Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery launches its latest exhibition tomorrow (Friday).

Children from Howley Grange Primary, Howley Grange Road, will be the first children to see A Squash and A Squeeze - Sharing Stories with Julia Donaldson, a display that brings the stories of the 2013 Children's Laureate to life.

Exhibits include sing-along to her songs on Julia's jukebox and step inside the A Squash and A Squeeze house.

The children will also have a go at creating their own poems which they will then perform in the theatre area.

The exhibition runs until November 3 at the gallery in Chamberlain Square, Birmingham.

New support

A SUPERMARKET in Dudley has named the Guide Dogs charity as its charity partner for the next 12 months. Sainsbury's at Merry Hill decided to support the cause following in-store and online nominations from customers.

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Birthday woman's home was burgled

A PROLIFIC criminal who burgled the house of a woman on her 50th birthday after spotting it was unoccupied while travelling past on a bus has been jailed.

Lee Scandrett returned and smashed glass in the front door after getting off the double decker at the next stop, a judge heard.

The 33-year-old with 40 convictions escaped with jewellery from the house in Thorne Road, Rowley Regis, while the woman occupant was shopping on May 16, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

A passer-by saw the front door was open and called police who were at the scene when the owner returned.

DNA profiling linked blood stains found at the scene to Scandrett who cut his hand during the break-in, Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting, said revealed.

He said the burglar had struck on the 50th birthday of the householder.

The victim said in a statement the jewellery, which has not been recovered, was irreplaceable because of its sentimental value.

She now suffers anxiety attacks and no longer feels safe in the house.

Mr Paul Hiatt, defending, said Scandrett was homeless after serving a 30-month jail term for burglary and was desperate to pay off drug dealers who were threatening him over an unpaid debt.

The lawyer continued: "He was on the bus when he noticed a house that looked as if nobody was in and decided to break in."

Scandrett, previously of Oxhill Road, Handsworth, admitted burglary and was sent jailed for 32 months.

Honour for group's work

VOLUNTEERS from a Lye charity have received recognition from the Mayor of Dudley.

Councillor Alan Finch welcomed the Apni Zoroat Community Network to the Mayor's Parlour to present signed certificates to recognise their hard work.

Volunteers aim to improve the quality of lives for women, young people and families by reducing isolation, encouraging active participation and providing information and support.

The group's name translates as 'Our Needs'. For details, visit www.azcn.org

Speeding brothers caught on same road

TWO brothers have been banned from driving after both were caught speeding along the same road in Halesowen less than two months apart.

Gurmit and Harpal Bhandal were each stopped by police driving on Manor Way – a dual carriageway with a 40mph limit leading from the M5 to the town.

Gurmit, aged 34, was clocked driving a Mercedes at 82mph along the road at 2.30pm on April 7. Harpal, 29, was spotted driving a BMW at 74mph at 8pm on June 2.

The brothers, who both live in Bromsgrove Road, Hunnington, pleaded guilty to

speeding at two separate hearings at Dudley Magistrates' Court.

Harpal, who appeared at the court last week, also admitted not wearing a seat belt.

Both the brothers pleaded with the magistrates to spare them a long driving ban. They claimed a lengthy ban could impact their jobs and mortgage.

Gurmit, who already had six penalty points on his licence, is a manager at Thompson Motor Bodies, Wednesbury.

Mr Sukhdip Randhawa, defending Gurmit at a hearing at the court on July 1, said: "If he loses his licence for a long period,

his job is at risk. His job is not office-based and he needs his vehicle."

Harpal, who had three penalty points on his licence, works at a pharmacy in Moxley, but has plans to set up his own business in Stoke.

Rest

Mr Randhawa, defending Harpal last week, said: "He needs his vehicle for his work. He is sorry for what happened."

"He had been in London for the weekend and felt unwell."

"He had work the next day and was trying to get home so he could have some rest." Mrs

Clare Davis, prosecuting Harpal, said when he was arrested, he told Sergeant Martin Hall "there is no excuse, I am sorry".

Magistrates banned Gurmit from driving for two months and fined him £300.

He must also pay £60 costs and £30 victim surcharge.

Harpal received a 14-day driving ban and a £700 fine. He must also pay £80 court costs and £60 victim surcharge.

Police have recently stepped up their speed checks along Manor Way following complaints about motorists by nearby resident and businesses.

Keogh review should have gone further, say relatives

RELATIVES whose loved ones have died at Russells Hall Hospital said the Keogh did not go far enough.

Harold Nock, whose 35-year-old daughter Wendy, died at the hospital in September 2009, said: "I am disappointed the review has not taken things further and that the management will remain in place."

"The trust should have been put into special measures in my opinion."

Elaine Weston, who has been seeking answers from the trust since her 28-year-old daughter, Kelly, died there in 2009, agreed.

"I would have preferred for the hospital to be put into special measures so that the current management team could have been removed," said Mrs Weston, aged 54, of Swan Street, Pensnett.

Mr Nock, aged 65, of Birmingham New Road, Dudley, Mrs Weston and Mike Weston, whose 85-year-old mother, Florence, known to friends by her middle name Betty – died at Russells Hall in 2009, say criticisms rang bells with them.

Poor communication was an issue highlighted in the report – and all three relatives said that had been part of the problem.

Chance

Young mother Kelly Weston had been ill for two years, suffering recurring mouth and stomach ulcers, and was admitted to the hospital on October 28 2009 after struggling to breathe. She lost nearly a stone in weight over four days and died on November 4 from septicaemia caused by pneumonia and aggravated by the ulcers. Her mother said throughout her treatment neither she nor her daughter had been listened to and, despite repeated requests, there had been no answers for the rapid weight loss.

Mrs Weston said she did not believe the findings went far enough and, if the hospital had been put into special measures, it would have given it "a better chance to be built up again". "I am disappointed," she said.

She said she was not surprised poor communication was one of the issues which had been highlighted. She added that, while there would be changes in the short-term, she did not believe the review and its recommendations would have a lasting impact.

Mr Nock has been campaigning over the treatment leading up to the death of his daughter Wendy, who was diagnosed with spina bifida from birth and was confined to



Harold Nock with a photograph of his dead daughter, Wendy

a wheelchair. She started experiencing stomach pains and was taken to Russells Hall on September 22, 2009 and died from an intestinal obstruction nine days later. Mr Nock said she should have been given a CT scan but it had not taken place.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain said at an inquest on Wendy that there had been "consistent failing among different departments and a number of different staff". Mr Nock said: "I would agree with the concerns about the lack of communication."

The findings about inadequate staffing levels, a lack of learning from serious incidents and a failure of the complaints process to respond adequately to patients' needs struck a chord with Mike Weston, aged 68.

His mother – described by him as a "bubbly lady" – was left without food and

drank when her hip surgery was repeatedly cancelled and he claims she was told to wet her bed if she needed the toilet. She was then reduced to tears by staff for doing so.

"The findings of the report are not from just today or yesterday – but about things that have been going on for years," said Mr Weston, who lives in Devizes, Wiltshire.

Paula Clark, chief executive of Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, said action had been taken to improve patient care, including investing £7.5 million in new workers in the past three years. That included 250 more front-line staff and £1.4m spent on nurses in the past two years, with a further 18 nurses to be employed this year.

She said: "The trust has welcomed the review into the quality of care that we provide and we are pleased to report that we

have not been placed in special measures and that Monitor, the independent regulator for foundations trusts, has confidence in me and my management team to deliver the review's recommendations. The review team did not find any areas of major concern that warranted further escalation."

She added: "They were pleased with the fact that we have invested heavily in increasing the numbers of staff that we have got over the last few years."

Dr David Hegarty, chairman of Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group, who was on the review team and has worked with the trust to draw up its action plan, said: "We have welcomed this review as an opportunity to give further reassurance around the quality and safety of services which we purchase for Dudley people."



Kelly Weston who died in 2009 while at Russells Hall



Florence 'Betty' Weston and her son Mike Weston

NEWS in brief

Free wellbeing checks for dogs

DOG owners in Dudley can bring their pooches along for a free wellbeing check when staff from the PDASA visits the borough from July 23 to 26.

A veterinary nurse will examine the weight, body shape, teeth, eyes, coat and general fitness of canine visitors aboard the PetCheck vehicle from 9am to 4pm.

Sessions will be on July 23 at Hope Centre car park, Andrew Road, High Fields Estate, Halesowen, on July 24 at Arley and Compton Court, Baptist End Road, Netherton, on July 25 at Claverley Court, Vicarage Prospect, Dudley, and on July 26 at Chapel Street Estate, Lower Derry Street, Brierley Hill.

Car wash cleans up for charities

CHARITIES being supported by Dudley's Mayor are set to clean up at a charity car wash.

Bosses at F1 Hand Car Wash and Valeting Service, in Wellington Road, Dudley, are offering to donate the day's takings on Saturday. Drivers will be able to get a basic clean for £2.50 between 9am and 6pm. All proceeds will be split between Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and Dudley's White House Cancer Support. Money will also go to the Beacon Centre for the Blind.

Activity planned for the holidays

A RANGE of summer children's activities are being planned at Dudley Leisure Centre during the school summer holidays.

The centre, in Wellington Road, will be holding activity sessions for children, aged eight to 14, every Tuesday to Thursday starting on July 30. Staff have also laid on sports coaching sessions.

Day-long sessions cost £15 and youngsters should bring lunch and refreshments. Call 01384 812800.

Suicide-threat woman rescued

FIREFIGHTERS used a platform to rescue a woman threatening to jump from a multi-storey car park in Halesowen.

Fire crews and police were called to help the woman at the Asda car park in Queensway just after 9pm last Wednesday. She had climbed onto the wall of the fourth storey.

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SUMMER puzzle. How early do you have to get to the pub before the beer garden fills up with pensioners? Some of them in my local look as though they have been left out overnight.

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ON the process of getting old, a reader offers this prayer: "Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked, the good fortune to remember the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference."

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WHAT do you call a customer who natters into her mobile phone at the supermarket check-out? How about pig-ignorant? Yet when a Sainsbury's check-out lady in south London asked the customer to finish her phone call before she would operate the till, the customer complained and the supermarket apologised and gave her a £10 voucher. But as the social-networks erupted with support for the check-out lady, Sainsbury's seemed to develop some backbone. It is now supporting its worker and has welcomed a "wider debate on politeness." We don't really need a wider debate. Talking to a third party while expecting someone to serve you is rude.

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"THESE smaller 'rat like' dogs look no more than a light snack to them." Dog owner emailing Sky News to explain why a Staffordshire bull terrier bit the head off a Pomeranian in Warrington.

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LAST month it was £30 billion. Last week the Government announced it was £42 billion. This week Boris Johnson says it'll probably be £70 billion. The fastest thing about that unwanted, unnecessary, unaffordable white elephant known as HS2 is the cost. Judging by cost-inflation on other big projects, even Boris's forecast may prove far too low. How long before the bill for transporting people from London to Birmingham a mere 20 minutes earlier than at present passes £100 billion? Will no-one stop this madness?

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Supports of rail cars rally behind inventor

FORMER workers and friends of a trouble-hit engineering company facing closure over a £70,000 VAT debt are rallying behind the firm's boss as he battles to keep it open.

Cradley Heath firm Parry & Associates, which designed the rail cars used on the shuttle service between Stourbridge Junction and Town train stations, is appealing against a High Court decision to wind it up.

Chairman John Parry, who was so annoyed when the ruling was announced last week he took his shirt off in protest in court, accusing his bank of taking everything from him, said he was desperately trying to save the firm and its 12 jobs.

Tragedy

Besides designing the Parry People Mover rail cars, the firm also invented a machine that makes concrete without using electricity, which is helping construction projects in developing countries.

Former employee Steve Raggett, of Turl's Hill Road, on the Sedgley border with Colesey, said: "What Parry & Associates is doing is so worthwhile – and for them to be in trouble is an absolute tragedy."

"It makes me very angry that large banks get bailed out at the taxpayers' expense but small to medium sized enterprises like Parry & Associates are allowed to sink. It's an absolute scandal."

Mr Raggett, aged 61, who worked for the firm from 1988 to 2003 and now runs a boarding kennel, added:



John Parry, left, with chairman of Parry Associates with a Parry's People Mover tram and supporters and employees, from left, Maureen and Ken Williams, Margaret Macey, Steve Raggett and Scruffy, the dog

"If it closed it would be a tragic waste of an invention that has made a big difference to some of the poorest parts of the world."

Ken and Maureen Williams, of Boundary Avenue, Rowley Regis, who are weekly users of the Parry People Mover to go Stourbridge to do their shopping, have also spoken out in favour of the company staying open. Mr Williams, a retired steelworker, 71, said: "I'm not happy about the court ruling to wind up the company. We are big fans of the Parry People Mover, which is reliable."

Mr Parry said while the company

awaits an appeal hearing against the winding up order, he is negotiating with HSBC bank in a bid to reinstate a £54,000 overdraft for sister firm Parry People Movers, which was withdrawn after shareholders raised £70,000. The cash, earmarked to pay off the VAT debt to bail out the firm, was soaked up when the overdraft was stopped.

"I am trying to put together a rescue situation in case we do not win the appeal," said Mr Parry.

"If the winding up order remains, we will still keep going, although the team will be broken up, possibly into a different organisation. I am trying

to make sure nobody is made redundant." He added: "I am grateful for the support of shareholders, staff, former workers and friends."

Shareholder Margaret Macey, aged 59, of Halesowen, said: "John will fight to the bitter end. If anyone can save the company, he will."

An insolvency judge approved the winding up bid from HM Revenue and Customs at a High Court hearing. The case followed an earlier decision, which gave the firm until July 8 to pay off its VAT bill.

The firm recently completed foreign deals for up to £30,000 of machines for the construction industry.

Anger over driver who left death collision

THE wife and son of a keen cyclist killed in a hit-and-run smash have spoken of their anger at the driver who fled the scene, leaving him lying dead in the road.

Retired printer George Searle, aged 74, of Gornal, Dudley, who died at the scene of the collision in Stafford Road, Wolverhampton, was looking forward to the birth of his first grandchild in November.

His wife of 43 years, Cynthia, aged 68, said: "We are very angry that someone could take the life of a much-loved husband and father and just leave him, not knowing if he was dead or alive. We believe he died instantly and wouldn't have known anything about it."

The couple's son, David, aged 33, and daughter-in-law, Alison, 32, of Colesey, are expecting their first child and are pleased they had been able to tell Mr Searle that his first grandchild will be a girl.

Darlaston-born Mr Searle, who later lived with his wife in Hill Top, West Bromwich, had cycled all his life and, on Thursday, he set off on one of his regular rides at about 9.15am.

David said: "He was the best dad you could ever wish for – and an old-fashioned gentleman."

Two men have been arrested and bailed in connection with the death of the former Hill Top Cycling Club member.

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Motorist in chase hit speeds of 80mph

A BANNED driver, who led police on a three-mile, high-speed in the Black Country, chase weeks after being freed from jail, has been sent back for 14 months.

John Field, who had a conviction for dangerous driving, cut corners and went the wrong way round traffic islands.

He reached 80mph in a 40mph zone, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week.

Field was in a BMW he had bought for £300, Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting, said.

He then lost control, demolished a garden wall, and careered into a Rover parked on the drive of a house in Wollescote Road, Cradley, the court was told.

The 24-year-old had earlier tried to steal a satellite navigation system from a BMW at motor company in Station Road, Old Hill.

Field caused £640 damage smashing the back window and trying to remove the sat nav motor, Mr Searle said.

Hours later police spotted him acting suspiciously in Chapel House Lane, Halesowen, and the chase started when he sped off.

Mr Simon Hanns, defending, said Field bought the car at auction and had in-ended it for his girlfriend.

Field, of no fixed address, admitted dangerous driving, attempted theft from a car and driving while banned. He was jailed for 14 months.

Firm's despair as delay to bridge project hits profits

Olympic stars meet up at book signing

OLYMPIC silver medal-winning gymnast Louis Smith was surprised to see his old team-mate Kristian Thomas turn up to say hello when he arrived in the Black Country for a book signing.

Louis, who was champion in last year's Strictly Come Dancing, was promoting his autobiography at Waterstones in the Merry Hill centre when Kristian, who he competed alongside at London 2012, made an appearance as nearly 100 fans queued outside.

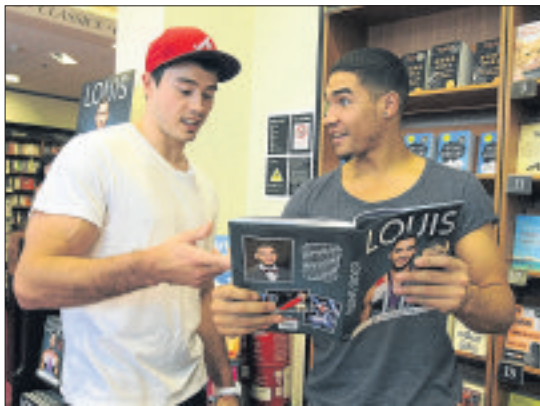
The pair were part of the Team GB squad who claimed the first men's team gymnastic medal in 100 years at London 2012.

Popular

But Kristian, who trains at the Earls Gymnastics Centre, Halesowen, said he only heard about the book signing through Twitter – so he decided to go along.

Louis, aged 24, said: "It's great to see Kristian. We meet up quite regularly and it's great to see him doing so well."

Kristian, of Wednesfield, said: "This is the closest he has been to my neck of the woods and you can see how popular he is with people queuing up to see him. I saw him tweet that he was coming here so I thought I'd come too."



Olympic gymnastic stars Kristian Thomas and Louis Smith at Merry Hill

Some fans arrived at 7.30am on Monday to get to the front of the queue and Louis said he was grateful for the support that saw him scoop the Strictly title with partner Flavia Cacace.

He said: "At first I got quite nervous doing book signings because I hadn't done them before but it's a great way to interact with the fans and be able to talk to them. I'm really enjoying doing them now."

The book, Louis: My Story So Far, tells the story of his rise through the ranks and gives 'an insight into what

I'm like and who I am," he said.

Among the fans outside, Angelica Gayle and Sophie Oliver, both 16 and from Netherton, had queued since 7.30am and Sophie said: "He is a good inspiration and has achieved so much."

And seven-year-old Ben Hunt, of Bromsgrove, had brought along a 'character study' he had done on Louis for a school healthy eating project.

"I think he is a good role model and he has certainly got young boys interested in gymnastics and dancing," said his mother Marie.

A BRIDGE repair project in Halesowen has been delayed by more than a month – adding further pain for a nearby business which claims to have suffered from the continuing work.

The Rumbow Bridge, which links Birmingham Road in the town centre to the A458, has been shut to traffic since March 4 for strengthening works so it can take vehicles weighing more than three tonnes.

At the beginning of the work, Dudley Council announced the £300,000 project, which has resulted in diversions around the town centre for incoming motorists, would be finished by June 14.

Soon

Spokesman Chris Parker said the work had been delayed due to waits on utility companies at the site, and predicted it should be complete by the end of this month.

John Marshall, owner of Benjamins in Birmingham Street, said the bridge closure had turned into a 'living nightmare' for business.

He said: "The whole project is very frustrating – we were first told about it on the day it started, and now we're finding out it has been delayed. We just want the



The Rumbow Bridge

road opened as soon as possible.

"The closure has caused the town to be as dead as a door knob."

"It has been a living nightmare for business. Takings have dropped since the closure of about a third."

The bridge, which was rebuilt in 1949 by the county council, was one of six earmarked for improvements by the council last year.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for transportation, said: "These important strengthening works have gone to plan."

"We apologise for any inconvenience caused."

NEWS

in brief

Swim sessions for youngsters

YOUNGSTERS are being encouraged to take the plunge with intensive swimming lessons at Dudley Leisure Centre.

Staff at the Wellington Road centre in have organised intensive swimming lessons for children aged five and over from August 19 to 23. The 30-minute sessions will run at 9am, 9.30am, 10am and 10.30am. There is a fee.

Culture councillor Tracy Wood said: "This is a great opportunity for youngsters to improve their confidence and technique."

Poster reveals contact details

AN online resource helping residents in Dudley raise issues with their councillors has gone live.

Dudley Council has unveiled a poster with contact numbers for every member and information on ways people can raise issues with the council, including through Twitter, Facebook and community forums. The poster is available at www.dudley.gov.uk/about/councillors/councillors-poster/

Conservation call

THE Friends of Wren's Nest Nature Reserve are a conservation volunteer event at the site from 9.30am on August 15. Places need to be booked on 01384 812785.

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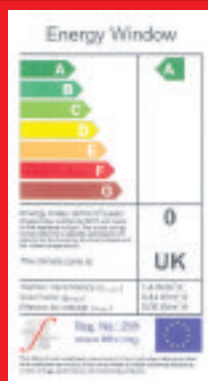
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MAYBE it's a consequence of spending too long in the sun, but I feel a tinge of sympathy for the MP who claimed £1,000 off the taxpayer for help with his expenses claims.

Joe Benton, Labour MP for Bootle, claimed for IT assistance because the Parliamentary watchdog insisted all claims should be processed by computer.

Mr Benton, who is 79, said he was not computer literate, leading to howls of derision that he is 'out of touch'. But why is it taken for granted these days that everybody is a cyber-whizz?

By admitting he struggles with technology, Mr Benton has demonstrated he is just an ordinary 79-year-old bloke.

Which surely makes him more in touch with voters than the mass of policy wonks and career politicians who seem to populate Westminster these days.

MEANWHILE, former Mayor of Dudley Councillor Ray Burston has resigned from the authority's shadow cabinet after revealing he used his council computer to download pornography.

Perhaps he should have had called for some advice.

AFTER a few years in well-deserved obscurity, loveable former Apprentice candidate Katie Hopkins has crawled out of the woodwork again.

Her latest contribution has been an article in a tabloid newspaper entitled: Why women hate Katherine Jenkins. But do they?

According to Hopkins, the Welsh singer has 'blonde hair, puppy-dog eyes', a 'simpering smile and eye lashes stolen from the nearest available Guernsey cow'.

And if that's not enough reason to hate someone, what is?

For the uninitiated, highlights of Katie's appearance on The Apprentice involved a feud with fellow candidate Adam Hosker, for having the temerity to be born north of Watford, branding another one of her colleagues 'a dog', and sneering at the dress sense of the eventual winner, Kristina Grimes.

She was also pictured romping half-naked in a field, and in a special touch of class, she boasted on her CV about an affair with a married man.

I can understand why Katie Hopkins might hate the successful, attractive and popular – not to mention fabulously wealthy – Katherine Jenkins, I'm just not convinced the feeling is universal.

Now if the article was entitled Why Everyone Hates Katie Hopkins...



One of the rehung bells in the belfry at Christ Church, Lye



The 200-year-old bell tower



Restored bells featuring new wheels, clappers and headstocks

Hard work means bells ring out again

A routine check set into motion a project to save a unique set, as **PETER MADELEY** found out

IT has taken almost four years of hard work, but parishioners in Lye can celebrate a towering achievement after the unique set of bells at their church were restored to their former glory.

The bells first summoned worshippers to Christ Church in High Street almost 130 years ago, but they have rarely been used in recent times due to their poor state of repair.

But now, in the year the church celebrates its bicentennial, the peal of eight bells can once again be heard ringing out across Lye.

The project started in June 2009 when a committee was set up to look at the possibility of restoring the bells to full working order and improving the condition of the tower in which they are housed.

Consisting of six church members and two conscripts from the Worcestershire & District Change Ringing Association (W&DCRA), the committee launched a campaign in early in 2010 which raised more than £30,000.

Danger

Chairman Bob Field, aged 76, explained: "For some years the local ringing association had been saying work was needed on the bells to restore them for operational use. Then, during a routine inspection of the belfry, the church architect noticed the steel frame supporting the bells was badly corroded.

"There was a real danger that the entire tower was becoming unsafe."

The committee set about raising the funds to complete the work, and secured grants totalling £13,000 from the W&DCRA, the Garfield Weston Trust and the Landfill Communities Fund.



Bob Field in the ringing chamber of Christ Church before it was refurbished

A further £18,000 was raised locally through donations and a range of events including skittle evenings and quiz nights. The work, which included fitting new clappers, headstocks and wheels to suit the size of the bells, was carried out by specialist bell hangers Matthew Higby of Bath.

David Chiswell, 65, a member of the W&DCRA's belfry advisory panel, has been a driving force behind the project having completed a similar restoration at St Giles, Rowley Regis.

He said: "This type of restoration does not come cheap, and the bulk of the money we raised was spent on getting the bells in a state to be rung."

Mr Field added: "We were able to save quite a lot of money by doing jobs ourselves that did not require the expertise of a bell hanger."

"Although David has more than 50

a series of mathematical patterns that first became popular in the 17th century. "They are unique," he says. "There is no other set of Belgian bells in the country used for change ringing, and maybe not anywhere in the world."

Mr Chiswell adds: "The bells are amongst the lightest in the world as far as church or tower bells are concerned. "They are of great historical value and should be cherished and preserved."

The final stage of the project was completed in June when students from Sandwell College redecorated the interior of the ringing chamber.

Mike Barnbrook, head of construction at the college and a parishioner at Christ Church, said: "It is fantastic experience for our students to be involved in this project. "I have been in the trade for 30 years and I can't remember ever painting anything like this."

For Mr Field, the restoration of the bells was something of a labour of love.

Practise

"The main reason I got involved is because I am keen to preserve the historical past," he says.

"In recent years we have lost the altar, the pulpit and fonts from the church, so I was determined not to see the bells going the same way."

The bells were officially rededicated at a service in January, and the church is planning a celebratory peal in September featuring bell ringers from the Stourbridge area.

The Rev Simon Falshaw, 52, says he would like the church to have its own team of bell ringers. "It's not a simple pastime and it takes a lot of practise, but I would love for us to be able to build up a local team," he says.

"I am very grateful for the hard work put in by everyone involved and I must say the project has been a great success."

"The bells are such a loud musical instrument with a really unique sound, and I think the people of the town like the fact that we have them at the church."

"Lye is known for its balti houses, but now we've got bells as well."

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

A SHOCK report on limestone workings in the Black Country showed that conditions were far worse than anyone had feared. Council chiefs estimated the cost of safety work on the labyrinth of caverns under Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley could be £100m.

PLANNERS in South Staffordshire gave the go-ahead to a controversial £1m scheme to drill for oil and gas in the hamlet of Calf Heath. Residents had opposed the scheme, saying it could lead to a "miniature Dallas" on their doorstep.

A BUS driver turned his double-decker into an ambulance when one of his passengers was taken ill. Driver John Wilkinson drove the crowded number 74 bus to Sandwell District General Hospital after a woman collapsed on route to

1993...

A DIABETIC boy sparked a massive police search after he ran away from school to avoid detention. More than 30 officers joined the search for the 12-year-old who was eventually found in Beatties in Wolverhampton.

FOUR new stamps were launched at the Black Country Museum in Dudley to mark a milestone in canal history. The Royal Mail unveiled the stamps to commemorate the bicentenary of Britain's inland waterways.

A WOLVERHAMPTON artist took a step back in time to the Wars of the Roses in a specially-commissioned mural for Warwick Castle. Adrian Clamp's depiction of the eve of the Battle of Barnet in 1471 was put on display at an outdoor site in the castle grounds.

2003...

TWO FORMER comrades-in-arms were reunited after reading an article in the Express & Star. George Jones of Kingswinford met up with his wartime friend Albert Isaac who he had not seen for 51 years.

WOLVES fan, Odin Henrikssen from Norway, travelled more than 1,000 miles and drove over seven hours to see the team train. Odin, who travelled with his wife Gjertrud and sons Jonas, nine and Fredrik, five, all clad in Wolves shirts, was here on his summer holidays.

EIGHTEEN-year-old Russel Harrold became one of the youngest musicians in the country to be appointed as musical director for a show. The teenager landed the role to direct Wolverhampton Musical Comedy Company's performance of 42nd Street at the Grand Theatre.

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Forget tourism, people want shops

ANOTHER week, another proposed closure in Dudley town. This time it's WH Smith, a massive blow to our once proud town, this is on top of Thomas Cook and Stuart Henry shutting in King Street.

It's 25 years since Merry Hill opened and still the council has no plan for the town. Promise after promise but nothing ever happens. Forget tourism, people want decent shops. There has been too much emphasis on the market regeneration and not enough on keeping the few decent shops we have left by cleaning up the environment

around them for shoppers. If cheaper rates and free parking was introduced, this would help these businesses' stay and this would improve the chances of attracting more decent shops.

Another regeneration officer, but it's the same old message as the previous one. As other towns listen to its residents views, our council shuns its own shoppers and traders because they are not interested in Dudley competing with Westfield's Brierley Hill. It's no coincidence that since Dudley lost main town status in 2008 the place has been in free fall. The people of Dudley are

proud and have been let down by career councillors who don't deserve their vote. After years of Tory ruling in the borough I was expecting a change in direction from the Labour party, but it is following the plan that the previous council were following running the retail side down to the gutter.

I welcome the college development and hope we do have a supermarket sooner rather than later but its 10 years too late in my view. Oh yes, save the Hippodrome!

STEPHEN BRISCOE

Dudley Regeneration group

Consider the Hippodrome

AT some point someone thought it was a great idea to paint the chairlift at Dudley Zoo yellow, and officials agreed.

Also, at some point, someone thought it was a great idea to paint the front entrance to the zoo green; and officials agreed.

More recently, however, officials seem to be embracing the power of nostalgia to encourage the growth of tourism to the castle and zoo and are reversing these ghastly decisions by firstly returning the chairlift to its original colour, and now currently working to remove all traces of the grisly green.

So, to the minority who think demolishing the Hippodrome would be a great idea, I suggest that it may be fruitful in many years to come to consider the options provided by campaigners.

It would be such a shame to look back on the loss of such an historic and iconic building with regret, at a time when a new lick of paint in a different colour will not be enough to reverse the damage done!

LORRAINE TAYLOR
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Another bin will be plastic monstrosity

DUDLEY councillors plan to replace black bin bags with yet another large plastic monstrosity which will sit on people's drives adding to the green bins making our homes look like Steptoe and Son's yard? Yet another plastic bin!

I live in a house which has no direct access to the side or back of the property and this ugly edifice will have to reside along with its equally ugly counterpart the green bin at the front of my house! Now the council is saying that this method is more efficient and cost effective! Really?

At the moment I have 52 black plastic bags delivered to my address. Each week on one evening I secure a bag of rubbish and leave it at the end of my driveway. The next morning the refuse collectors come along and pick it up and throw it into the refuse collection vehicle. No problem.

Now, the council is saying I should fill a plastic bin and it is cost effective for that bin to be manhandled into the specially adapted carrier which then deposits the contents into the vehicle. I will have to put all my rubbish into a black plastic bag - I then put it into the new plastic bin and the refuse collectors then empty the bin! Is this efficiency?

The bin is then left anywhere in the road, especially on pavements which obstructs pedestrians until the owners can remove it and remember the majority go out to work.

S FOX, Halesowen

We don't need speedway here

AS someone who lives within a stone's throw of Caste Gate, I for one fully support Dudley Council's rejection of plans for a speedway stadium in the vicinity and with it, the inevitable noise and traffic nuisance it would bring.

I note Mike Thompson, (Chronicle letters July 11) who supports the idea, lives in Rowley Regis, three miles from his suggested site.

A noisy, smelly and dirty stadium should be built on brown field sites or disused airfields miles from anywhere, so that petrol heads and the like can enjoy their pointless pursuits in isolation. Failing that, they shouldn't be built at all!

R A SARGEANT
Corporation Road
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Why The Pleck?

CAN anyone put me out of my misery. Although I am not Black Country born I keep asking people the same question - why do they call the bottom of Bristol Road, Netherton, "The Pleck"? I do hope your readers come up with an answer for me.

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NEWS

Delight as new-look post office opens

DUDLEY South MP Chris Kelly cut the ribbon at the official opening of a new-look post office in Brierley Hill. He was joined by subpostmaster Nick Singh at the launch of the Merry Hill Centre branch last Friday. The Conservative MP said: "I'm delighted to officially open the new

Merry Hill Centre Post Office. Nick and his team are to be congratulated on their work to develop the new branch, which will make a real difference for local residents and small business customers. I wish them every success." The branch has a post office serving point that doubles up as a retail

counter – a new concept for the newly-independent company. Opening hours now include Sundays. Mr Singh, who hosted the official opening, said: "I was delighted to have the opportunity to modernise the post office and very pleased to be relaunching it today for the community."

Trawling archives ready for show at £6m centre

TWO thousand maps, 400 archive boxes of documents and 120 books, which make up the Earl of Dudley estate collection, are being catalogued so they can go on public display.

Among the items are the plans of Himley Hall's gardens designed by Capability Brown and a papal bull dated 1182 granting churches and lands to the Prior of Dudley, from the Pope.

Dudley Council has received a grant of £42,000 from the National Cataloguing Grants Programme to organise the collection.

It will be housed at the £6 million archives and local history centre being built in Tipton Road, Dudley, opposite the Black Country Living Museum.

Series

Two specialist project workers will catalogue the collection, which spans eight centuries.

It relates to the running of the Earl of Dudley's estate which covered large tranches of the borough.

Among the artefacts is a series of beautiful 19th and 20th century illuminated addresses, some presented when the second Earl of Dudley was Governor General of Australia in the early 1900s. Cataloguing make the collection accessible for members of the public.



Project workers Andrew Ireland and Rachael Marsay outside Himley Hall

Dudley's cabinet member responsible for archives Councillor Stuart Turner said: "We are pleased to receive the cataloguing grant allowing us to catalogue this unique collection."

"The collection is internationally significant, as well as being important to us locally."

"It shows the development of Dudley as a town, along with the surrounding manors, dating all the way back to the 12th century. The cataloguing process

will ensure that the collection can be viewed as well as used for research purposes by everyone."

Work is due to finish next month. Staff will then start moving all of the documents and other archive materials from the site in Mount Pleasant, Coseley, to the new base.

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NEWS

Thousands of pounds in stock damaged by blaze

A CONVENIENCE shop in Cradley has been damaged and thousands of pounds of stock destroyed after a fire broke out forcing residents to flee from an upstairs flat.

Dozens of bottles of alcohol and scores of cigarettes went up in flames in the blaze at Saffery's in Colley Lane during the early hours of Monday.

The fire is believed to have been sparked by a fault in electrical wires running between the shop and an empty flat above.

Five people in a neighbouring flat got out of the building before the fire took hold after a passerby raised the alarm at around 2.40am.

Fire crews spent more than three hours at the scene extinguishing the blaze and damping down.

Melted

More than £5,000 of alcohol and cigarettes which were on shelves behind the counter in the shop were destroyed, while thousands of pounds of other stock such as groceries and greetings cards suffered smoke and fire damage.

The intense heat melted the CCTV system and air conditioning unit. Despite the damage, shop worker Afrab Raja opened the store a few hours later to sell newspapers.

But he said it could be some time before the business was back up and running as normal.

He said: "We will have to wait for the insurance company but there is a lot of work to be done."

"It was a shock when I walked in and saw what had happened."

"I couldn't believe the damage it had caused. The smell of the smoke was very strong. The till, lottery machine



Shop worker Afrab Raja surveys the damage at Saffery's in Cradley

and CCTV system have been ruined. The most damage was behind the till where all the more expensive stock is, like the cigarettes and alcohol.

"The rest of the stock in the shop has been damaged by the smoke so can not be sold now. It's going to cost a lot of

money to replace it all and repair the damage.

"We wanted to open the shop anyway because in these times, we can't afford not too."

"People in the community have been very supportive."



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Steve Bull celebrating winning the Third Division Championship



Graham Turner and Steve Bull with the Third Division Championship trophy

Third Division – we've been there before...

by Alec Brew

AS Wolves supporters contemplate a season of watching the team in the third tier of English football we must take comfort in the fact that the team has been there before, and did not spend long languishing in the lower reaches.

What is now grandly called Division One we all know is really the Third Division. In 1923 the Wolves finished 22nd in Division Two, and were relegated to the third tier for the first time, then Division 3 (North).

George Robey, the manager kept his job for the following season, something which would not happen

today, and rewarded the club by immediately leading them to the championship, losing only three matches in the league.

Most of the team were new, and it was a centre forward brought in from Ebbw Vale, Harry Lees, who led the scoring charts with 21 league goals and one in the FA Cup.

Struggled

Wolves did not stay long the next time they found themselves in Division 3, they passed right through.

Relegated from Division 2 in 1985, they struggled all season, won only 11 games, and were rele-

gated yet again. They were to spend two seasons in Division 4, and it was two men in particular who began the club's rise back up the divisions, Graham Turner, the manager, and the centre forward he famously stole from West Brom, Steve Bull.

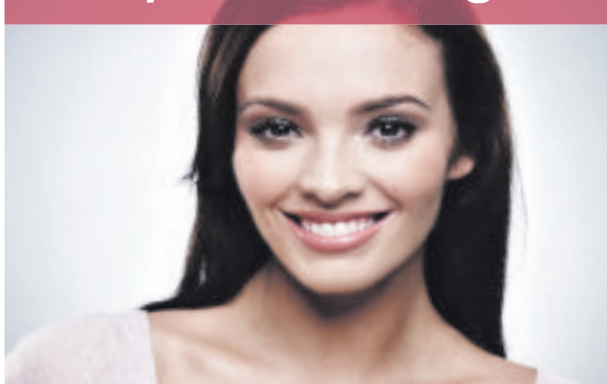
Once again Wolves spent only one season in Division 3. Bull's 37 league goals took them to the 1988-89 Division Three Championship, and himself into the England team.

Next season will only be the team's fourth season in the third tier, so let us hope the new head coach, Kenny Jackett, emulates his predecessors, George Robey and Graham Turner, and leads the team back up again as champions.



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NEWS

Campaign sees donor register reach 62,000

Miracle Makers celebrated



AAA screening co-ordinator Tracey Bayliss, front seated, with consultants and patients at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital

THEY are a team dubbed the 'Miracle Makers' after saving the lives of men who arrived at their doctor's surgery for a routine check up.

Now the patients have thanked medical staff with a celebratory party for giving them a new lease of life and hope for the future.

All the patients have survived after coming through a region-wide screening programme run from Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

More than 4,000 men over the age of 65 have been screened since the Black Country AAA screening programme was launched last year.

The screening scans for any trace of an abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) which is a potentially fatal condition where a main blood vessel from the

heart swells, leaving it at risk of rupture. In total 53 aneurysms were detected in the past few months, prompting urgent action, including life-saving surgery.

Among those treated was Royal Mail sorting office worker Tom Walker, aged 65, who received a routine check up letter to his Wednesday home last year. He said he was ready to throw it away but his wife Sue persuaded him to go for a screening.

Within days it was discovered that Mr Walker had an abdominal aortic aneurysm and was immediately referred to a consultant for treatment.

Following surgery last August, Mr Walker says he has come to realise how thankful he was for the work of the staff.

THOUSANDS of people in Dudley have signed up to the organ donor register since the start of a council campaign 12 months ago.

The numbers shot up by six per cent to 62,143 from 58,842 – a rise of 3,301 people, which is higher than the national increase.

Dudley Council joined forces with NHS Blood and Transport to help boost numbers and was only the second local authority to sign up to an innovative partnership aimed at promoting the live-saving register.

It comes as bosses marked National Transplant Week last week, which aimed to raise awareness.

This year, the theme Pass It On will focus on encouraging residents not to just sign up to the NHS Organ Donor Register, but to crucially tell their loved ones about their wishes.

Huge

Cabinet member for health and well-being Councillor Stuart Turner said: "I am delighted the work we have been doing to promote the importance of signing up to the Organ Donor Register has had such a positive impact."

"Signing up to the register really is a matter of life and death for some people."

"This work really does make a huge difference to the families affected by transplants and I would urge people to find out more about getting involved."

Director of organ donation and transplantation for NHS Blood and Transplant Sally Johnson said: "We need a transformation in donor and family consent to organ donation because the UK's family refusal rate remains one of the highest in Europe."

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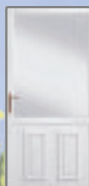
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NEWS

How the Dudley Bug will look if plans are passed



The view from Dudley Castle: the low-lying Trilobite structure will allow clear views up to the 11th century castle

IT'S a futuristic design which relates to prehistoric times – this is the new education and conference centre planned for Dudley Zoo which will be built in the shape of a fossil.

The striking Trilobite – otherwise known as the Dudley Bug – is the building earmarked for the site of Dudley Hippodrome should the controversial plans to demolish the theatre be approved at a meeting next month.

These new artist's impressions show how architectural features have been incorporated into the new centre, including sweeping curves which form a fossil shape.

It will highlight Castle Hill's unique history as part of a prehistoric seabed, and educate visitors on creatures such as the trilobite.

It will incorporate a centre for zoology, geology and education and link to the limestone Stores Cavern beneath the zoo. Officials from the zoo



Looking from Station Road junction

said the building will offer uninterrupted views of 11th century Dudley Castle.

They also want the centre to link to the zoo's animals and conservation work and delve into the history of limestone and coal in the area linking the region's industrial heritage.

Major £10 million redevelopment plans are already under way for Castle Hill with a new visitor entrance for the zoo in the pipeline.

This would transform the lower levels of the 40-acre site to link with

the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Trust. It is part of wider plans to boost tourism in Dudley to bring in up to one million visitors a year.

Zoo chief executive Peter Suddock said a European funding bid for the centre would be submitted next year.

Subject to planning permission, Mr Suddock said he hoped work would get underway in 2015/16 and be integrated into the Castle Hill programme.

"Trilobite will expand and improve our education facilities to meet the growing demands placed upon Dudley Zoo and support our new castle experience which opens in October 2014," he said.

Dudley Council leader David Sparks welcomed the design and said he hoped it would provide an iconic addition to the region's landscape.

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GENERATIONS of families have learned to swim in the pool at Halesowen Leisure Centre over the past 50 years.

And the centre in Great Cornbow made a big splash on Saturday with a host of free activities to celebrate the anniversary.

Dozens of swimmers took part in a charity 'aquathon'. The fundraiser, which involved a 400m swim and a 5km road race, took place during a family fun day at the complex.

More than 200 people flocked to the event and were treated to an array of activities including free scuba diving sessions with the Black Country Divers club and the Dudley Olympics fun gala.

Among those taking to the pool was volunteer swimming coach Jean Hadley, who

was raising money in memory of her daughter Liz Ashcroft, a popular teacher and instructor who died, aged 45, in January 2011 after a five-year battle with breast cancer.

Mrs Hadley and her husband Keith, both aged 75, completed the 'aquathon' to raise money for Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Mrs Ashcroft had been a teacher at The Glynne Primary School, in Kingswinford.

Loved

The mother of two who lived in Kidderminster, had her first taste of swimming in the pool aged six months and went on to teach swimming herself in Wyre Forest.

Grandmother-of-nine Mrs Hadley, of Hayley Green, Halesowen, said: "Liz loved life and was fond of swimming from an early age. All our family still follow her favourite

motto 'one life, live it'. We thought that this would be a nice way to remember."

Mrs Hadley helped form Halesowen Swimming Club and also led mother and baby groups which met at the centre over the years.

She also took the group away on day trips including rambles through the hills of Malvern.

Mrs Hadley says she taught generations of families to swim, many of which still come up to her to say hello in the street when they see her. The centre has featured in many people's lives for so long.

"It is wonderful to have a celebration to mark the 50 years," she said.

Councillor Tracy Wood, cabinet member for environment and culture, added: "It's fantastic that Halesowen Leisure Centre has been up and running for 50 years."

A PARK friends group in Stourbridge has scooped awards for IT innovation and championing children's projects. The Friends of Wordsley Park group only reformed last year to help improve King George V Park, off Lawnswood Road, for visitors.

Community litter picks, a 'graffiti wall' for young people to use and installing a sensory garden for children have been among work that led members to win two awards at Dudley Council's Green Spaces Awards 2013 – the IT Wizards award and Children and Young People's Champions honour. The IT award recognises the group for setting up its own Facebook page and twitter account.

Ward Councillor Derrick Hemingsley, who re-established the group, said: "These awards are a tribute to the hard work and dedication of the committee members, working for the greater community."



Swimming teacher Jean Hadley takes care of youngsters at the Halesowen pool during the mid-1960s

Volunteers needed to help on old folk trips

A CHARITY that helps elderly people in Dudley is seeking volunteers to help run day trips.

Age UK Dudley is looking for drivers and escorts for its Out and About service, which provides outings to places of interest.

Brian Phillips, the charity's senior manager, said the service had become increasingly popular over the past 12 months, with the number of users in the borough increasing by about 20 per cent to more than 140.

He added: "The service currently has six volunteers and we are looking for about three drivers and four or five

escorts. That would make a real difference to what we do.

"Out and About recognises the difficulties faced by older people in society in accessing many of the daily services which so many of us just take for granted.

"A visit to the library, the theatre, or even to the shops can be quite impossible for some without support.

"Being unable to leave the house reduces social companionship and can often lead to increased feeling of loneliness and social isolation."

Anyone interested in volunteering should call Jenny Bates on 01384 340 608.

Hoping cash will bloom

SOUTH African plants will be on show when top gardener John Massey welcomes visitors to his canal-side garden near Wall Heath this Saturday. He is opening his garden at Ashwood Nurseries, Lower Lane, to raise money for the Dudley charity, Cancer Support at The White House. The garden, which has won 50 consecutive gold medals at Royal Horticultural Society shows, boasts daisies, kniphofias, agapanthus and his world-famous range of hellebores, the Ashwood Garden Hybrids. It will be open from 10am until 4pm. Admission is £5 for adults and free for children.

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Myleene's advice on motherhood



Myleene Klass at Eat Central, in the Merry Hill Shopping Centre, Brierley Hill, with the Mummy Morning group

ULTIMATE 'yummy mummy' Myleene Klass has talked to Black Country parents about how she wants to let her daughters live their own lives.

Her tiny frame clad in a pale green snakeskin sun dress – designed by herself – the television and music star chatted easily with members of the Mummy Morning group at the Merry Hill shopping centre, Brierley Hill.

And she was besieged by youngsters as she helped them to make a paper crown – one of the activities in her new book, 'Things to make and do with your children'.

The recently divorced star said she had seen 'far too many tiger mums', who fight tooth and nail for their children to be high achievers, and wanted to let her daughters, Ava, aged five, and Hero, two, do their own thing.

"I've done my bucket list – I've done

so many things and I don't want to create 'Mini Mes'," said the 35-year-old, who shot to fame as a member of the Popstars band Hear'Say.

As she joined the throng of parents and children waiting to meet her in Eat Central at Merry Hill, first in her arms was seven-month-old Huw Brook, from Beaumont Drive, Amblecote, Stourbridge.

Lovely

His mum, Sian, aged 36, who also has daughters Nia, aged three, and Cerys, five, said: "I want to talk to Myleene about what I can do with all three of my children together, despite their different ages."

Hazel Kiteley, aged 62, of Prince Street, Cradley Heath, whose granddaughter, Dakota Farrell, of Barrowdale Close, Stourbridge, sat next to the star as she made a crown, said: "Myleene is absolutely lovely."



Myleene Klass with Huw Brook

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NEWS

Newlywed gets a chairlift to reception



What an entrance! Newlywed Georgina Rice arrives at her wedding reception on board Dudley Zoo's chairlift

A newlywed couple got a bird's eye view of married life when they travelled to their wedding reception on board Dudley Zoo's vintage chairlift.

Georgina and Steven Rice took the two-minute ride to the courtyard of Dudley Castle where a marquee had been set up for the big celebration.

It is believed to be the first time the historic chairlift has been used for a wedding – although receptions are regularly held in the castle grounds.

A wedding car transported the couple to the bottom of the chairlift before they got on board. The happy couple were met at the top by their 70 guests.

The couple, who live in Dudley, tied the knot on July 6 at Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, before enjoying a wedding breakfast at the Village Hotel, Castle Gate. They then travelled on to the zoo, in Castle Hill, for the evening reception.

And the icing on the wedding cake came when the happy couple were

transported to the celebration in the castle grounds aboard the famous chairlift.

The lift is the only one of its kind left in the country. It was re-opened last year following refurbishment.

Mr and Mrs Rice, still dressed in their wedding finery, had their picture taken on board the lift.

Mr Rice, 50, said he and his 30-year-old wife were both police officers and had met through their work.

Special

He said they had wanted to do something a little different for their big day.

"We wanted to make a good entrance and this helped us to do exactly that. The weather was also brilliant."

Dudley Zoo spokesman Jill Hitchman added: "When we heard about the request we were determined to make it a special moment."

"We were slightly concerned the dress would not fit into the chair but we need not have worried."



The newlyweds Steve and Georgina



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NEWS

Divers learn deep skills in just 11ft 6in of water



The Black Country Divers, in the water, at Halesowen Leisure Centre

THE Great Barrier Reef, the Red Sea – now add to the list of the world's great dive sites, Halesowen's swimming baths.

The Black Country Divers may be landlocked but they head for the 'deep' – 11ft 6in of water – every Wednesday night.

With a splash and a splash, they explore the depths of Halesowen Leisure Centre's pool, practise their art and get ready for more adventurous dives all over the world.

"There are two ways of looking at it," said Dan Higgins, diving officer for the

group, which has nearly 30 members. "Are we the furthest from the sea – or the closest to all the seas?"

Dan, a 40-year-old nurse who lives in Stourbridge's Old Quarter, got bitten by the bug when he was walking in Cornwall and saw divers coming out of the sea with scallops in their hands.

Ready

"I thought 'That's for me' and when I saw a notice in Stourbridge Library about this group, I rang up and was invited to a try dive," he said.

The group's instructors train newcomers, who are soon ready to go further afield to dive sites at Chepstow Quarry and Stoney Cove, Leicester-



Gemma Staples, who has just qualified

shire, where they get the practice they need to qualify. Gemma Staples, aged 28, of Sunningdale Road, Sedgley, has just got her 'ocean diver' qualification, meaning she can go up to 20 metres under water.

"Now I am ready to go off to dive sites," said Gemma, who is recreation assistant at Halesowen Leisure Centre.

Mark Mosley, 52, of Wesley Avenue, Cradley, who manages drivers for Cross Country Trains, has just fulfilled an item on his 'bucket list' – diving in the Cenotes caverns in Mexico.

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NEWS

Shoppers came to aid of off-duty Pc in arrest

A THIEF was jailed for 23 weeks after admitting assaulting an off-duty policeman as shoppers leapt to his rescue during a violent struggle in a Dudley shop.

Pc Ross Morgan was bitten by Michael Palmer as they had a scuffle in the Tesco Express store, in Moss Grove, Kingswinford, on July 4.

They became embroiled in a violent struggle after the officer approached the thief and tried to pin the man down, with shoppers coming to his aid.

Pc Morgan had popped into the store and spotted Palmer stashing cans of deodorant into his coat.

Resist

He approached the thief and declared he was a police officer.

But a struggle ensued during which a glass jar of pasta sauce was thrown at the officer.

As he continued to resist arrest Pc Morgan said he was bitten on both arms.

However, two members of the public intervened and helped to bring him under control until officers arrived. Police said when he

was brought into custody and searched and a small amount of suspected drugs were found on his person.

Palmer, aged 32, of Bushbury Lane, Bushbury, Wolverhampton, pleaded guilty to assaulting Pc Morgan.

He also admitted four charges of theft from a shop, possession of a class B drug, Subutex, and criminal damage after ripping the policeman's t-shirt.

Palmer was given five weeks concurrent jail terms for each of the theft charges and the drugs charge.

He was sentenced to 18 weeks to run consecutively for assaulting Pc Morgan.

There was no separate sentence for the criminal damage.

After the hearing Pc Morgan, who suffered minor scratches and grazes, thanked the public for coming to his aid.

by Andrew Turton

Charity toast to Tina



Tina Lloyd receives a bottle of champagne from Tracy Williams, the general manager of The Kingswinford

A CHARITY worker from Kingswinford has been recognised for her work with older people and others with health issues. Tina Lloyd was named a Community Champion by The Kingswinford Beefeater Grill restaurant for her work with Fit4LifeOver50 in the Dudley borough.

She also received £1,000 to help run her exercise classes for over-50s and those with health issues including heart disease, Alzheimer's and arthritis. Mrs Lloyd, of Tunstall Road, was nominated by her husband John.

Investing

She said she was 'thrilled' to have received the recognition, adding: "Being granted the £1,000 bursary will have a huge positive impact on the health and wellbeing of people over in the Dudley and Wolverhampton borough."

"We will be investing in new exercise equipment as well as establishing new exercise and tai chi classes locally."

Mrs Lloyd, who founded Fit4LifeOver50, will use the money to buy resistance bands, balance balls, hula hoops, small weights, balance balls and physiotherapy equipment, as well as a new sound system.

Sarah Tinsley, head of marketing for Beefeater Grill, said: "Beefeater Grill is proud to help hard working and deserving people like Tina with their work in the local community and we hope to give them a great reason to celebrate, too."

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NEWS

Celebrations for dedicated couple



Diamond wedding couple Robert and Beryl Whittaker



The happy couple on their wedding day in 1953

BERYL and Robert Whittaker have been together through thick and thin during their marriage.

And, despite the fact that times have recently become difficult because of Mr Whittaker's ill health, the Stourbridge couple's dedication towards each other has only been strengthened.

Mr and Mrs Whittaker celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on June 13, remembering their special day of 60 years ago.

Mrs Whittaker, aged 81, said: "It has been about give and take, our marriage."

"It hasn't always been easy with my husband's ill health but we help each

other. "He's worked hard all his life and it's a pleasure to help him now."

Mr Whittaker, aged 86, recently suffered a heart attack and a stroke and had to retire from running his Birmingham cleaning business due to ill health a few years before the age of 67, which was when he had hoped to retire.

Mrs Whittaker said the two met in Stourbridge when she was 19.

Beryl Auden, as she was then, was living in Stourbridge at the time, while Mr Whittaker, four years older, was from nearby Stambermill.

Mrs Whittaker said: "When we met I thought: 'he's nice and he's got a nice nature' and that was it. "It just went

from there."

They were married at St Thomas's Church, Stourbridge.

Mr Whittaker served in the Royal Horse Artillery, starting his contract cleaning business when he came out, while she worked in the office of an Amblecote bakery.

They eventually moved into a house in St Peter's Road, where they have remained ever since. Mrs Whittaker said: "We're very happy here. We've got a nice home and a lovely garden."

The couple have three children - Susan, aged 53, Ian, aged 50 and Jon, aged 47 - and eight grandsons.



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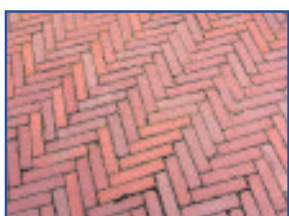


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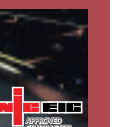
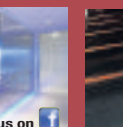
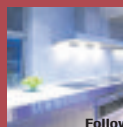
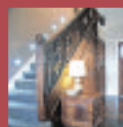
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LEASOWES High School is a caring learning environment which is focused on traditional values of respect, discipline and achievement.

Our smart uniform, with its Kingfisher logo, blazer and tie all indicate our ambition for your child and you are invited to meet with staff and students to view the school for yourself.

Yet, we are not simply an examination factory. We value each individual and try very hard to provide a happy, stimulating school environment which students will enjoy attending. A recent "satisfaction survey" tells us that 97 per cent of our students are "happy" at Leasowes High School and this

makes achievement across a wealth of areas so much more exciting.

Deciding on a secondary school for your child is one of the most difficult tasks any parent can undertake. Battling through statistics, league tables and admissions can be a bewildering experience that sometimes leaves parents feeling concerned, confused and powerless. Leasowes High School, situated just three-quarters of a mile from Halesowen town centre, currently takes students from Dudley LA, Birmingham LA and Sandwell LA and regardless of your location we are here to help.

In 2012 Leasowes High School students achieved record results:

- 99.1 per cent of the year group achieved 5 or more A*-C grades or equivalents - 3rd in Dudley LA on this measure

- On the new, tough, academic 'English Baccalaureate' measure, Leasowes High School was 4th in Dudley LA. (To achieve the English Baccalaureate a student must gain GCSE A*-C passes in: English, mathematics, double science, history or geography and a foreign language).

- 72 per cent of the year group achieved an A*-C pass in English. 36 per cent achieved an A* or A grade.

- 62 per cent of the year group achieved an A*-C pass in mathematics.

How has this success been achieved?

- Our positive ethos of high achievement and success for all is underpinned by a strong emphasis on discipline, excellent uniform, good manners and respect for others. **ASPIRE AND ACHIEVE** is our motto. The triple 'A' places emphasis on our goal.

- We care about each and every individual. Our student-tracking processes and excellent pastoral team ensure that parents

are informed swiftly when we have concerns and interventions are made. Three reports per year are issued to parents so nothing is left to chance and no child is overlooked.

- Small class sizes are a feature of the school with no class containing more than 28 students and the majority with 25 or less.

- Our wonderful arts opportunities are open to all, with A Midsummer Night's Dream being staged at Dudley Castle by Leasowes High School Students in summer 2014. Our Leasowes Live shows, Summer Arts Festival and seasonal gatherings allow the arts to flourish in our dedicated arts hub, which includes an extensive Apple Suite to promote digital arts.

- Leasowes High School boasts sporting successes in all major sporting areas. Our lengthy menu of extra-curricular events and teams allows students of all abilities to enjoy sport and fitness activities all year round in our sports hall, fitness suite and astro turf pitch area.

- The Leasowes High School Gifted and Talented IMAGINE programme guarantees excellent experiences for our brightest students including: university visits, parents evenings, research projects which earn UCAS points for university entrance, MENSA testing and a wealth of extra-curricular activities and clubs. Our 'Grammar School'-style stream also ensures that our brightest are challenged to succeed academically in all years.

- For those who need extra support to achieve, we offer a programme of intensive additional learning opportunities. Teachers are supported and students guided by our dedicated team of learning mentors and pastoral support managers whose job it is to maximise potential and progress: no excuses.



A host of extra-curricular activities are offered

- After school clubs in curriculum areas are offered Monday-Friday. Our theatre, sports hall, fitness suite and Apple computer suite offer superb opportunities to all and we expect our students to participate.

- £600,000 of improvements and refurbishments are scheduled for our site in 2013, including classrooms, furniture, decoration, equipment, resources and re-modelling.

So, if you want more information about the Leasowes High School approach, please let us know. Regardless of location we will work with you to provide your child with a place. Contact us on 01384 816285 to find out more about how we can help your child to **ASPIRE AND ACHIEVE**.



Students sport the smart new uniform and look forward to the £600,000 investment to further improve our learning environment at Leasowes High School



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Leasowes High School

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Tuesday 24th September
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CLUB NEWS

History of park told by guest

BLACKHEATH 'M' TWG

THE June 26 meeting was opened by chairman Doreen Armstrong, who welcomed members, visitors and speaker Ken Smith.

Monthly reports were given by treasurer Beryl Hartley, outings co-ordinator Brenda Ellesmore and Press officer Iris Harris.

The monthly free raffle took place and three ladies received prizes.

Members held a 'baking day' when an abundance of home-made goodies were sold and money raised for charity. Doreen thanked the members for the excellence of the produce.

The chairman then introduced Mr Smith, whose talk was entitled Haden Hill. With commentary and slides and some old photographs he took the ladies through the history of this wonderful local park. He covered the history of both of the houses on the estate, the Tudor House and Haden Hill and the names of the families who had owned them.

The park is now owned by Sandwell Council but a lot of money is raised by members of The Friends Haden Hill of which Ken is chairman, to help maintain the estate.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Hartley.

The next meeting is on Wednesday July 24 at the Moose Hall, Beeches Road at 10.30am. Speaker will be Angela Webb on 'A Day in the Life of a Vet'.

BGT Jean performs at celebration lunch



Organist Jean Martyn entertains at the CAMEO Ladies meeting

CAMEO LADIES

in singing and flag waving. The best hat of the day was won by Gloria Cornwell.

Raffle proceeds organised by Elaine Lay will go towards the group's charity for 2013, a special chair bed for Compton Hospice.

Each member was given a white geranium to take home as a memento of the day.

JANE Emery, chairman, welcomed members to Patshull Park Hotel which was the setting for a celebration lunch to commemorate the Queen's 60 years on the throne. This was followed by entertainment with Britain's Got Talent finalist Jean Martyn. She entertained members with her concert keyboard.

The day concluded with members joining

Bodge job as rugs made

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It was a nostalgic evening as 'The Bantock Bodgers' led by Jan Harrison gave a demonstration of 'bodge rugs' which most older members remembered being worked upon by their grandmothers and great aunts.

The ladies were encouraged to try 'bodgeing' with varying degrees of success.

VICE chairman Mrs Raybould took the chair and welcomed members and visitors to the June meeting.

Members were informed that chairman Mrs Wright was making good progress after a hip replacement op. The club sent its best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Afternoon tea has been

arranged at Dunsley Hall on August 13. Tickets were distributed to those involved in the federation lunch at the Mill Hotel and names were taken of those wishing to be included on the Harvest Supper at Wollaston.

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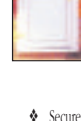
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ALBUM REVIEWS

Black Sabbath - 13

BRUMMIE rock royalty reconvene for what producer Rick Rubin says they should think of as their second album.

Now 13 doesn't really recapture the raw sound of Sabbath's 1970 debut but there are glimpses of that spirit on this original line-up reunion - that should be enough for any heavy metal fan to get a copy. Trade-marks are present, tolling bell, religion-baiting lyrics, Ozzy Osbourne's desolate wail and mighty Tony Iommi riffs.

Highlights include Zeitgeist with its funky undercurrent and the epic End of the Beginning. Appetites are well and truly whetted for Black Sabbath's homecoming gigs at the LG on December 20 and at the NIA on December 22.

Birmingham rock band the Editors can be moodily magnificent but too much of new album The Weight Of Your Love sounds bogus and empty, an obvious bid for stadium rock status. I can understand why guitarist Chris Urbanowicz bailed out.

It's good to hear blonde Abba star Agnetha Fältskog again, her mellower tones exercised on solo album 'A' by a fairly bland bunch of ballads and disco numbers. She also duets with Gary Barlow. The Proclaimers hit the scene more than 25 years ago and the Scottish twins celebrate with A Very Best Of, which for most listeners doesn't stretch beyond 500 Miles and Letter To America. **LB**

Manfreds topping the bill at brand new blues-rock festival

WBOS men ready to bare all for Monty

MEMBERS of West Bromwich Operatic Society are gearing up to bare all in a production of The Full Monty in September.

The company, in its 75th anniversary year, will be staging the musical at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from September 24 to 28. Rehearsals are now well under way for the show which features a 40-strong cast with amateur actors and singers from across the Black Country.

Director John Wetherall said: "We have really managed to attract the cream of amateur talent to become members of the show and we are extremely lucky for that." The hit musical tells of a group of unemployed men who find pay and pride in stripping for a living.

Mr Wetherall added: "It attracts people who don't necessarily go to the theatre all the time and it is a great opportunity for someone that doesn't go to musicals to be pretty much guaranteed a night of enjoyment."

Performances start at 7.30pm. Matinees will also take place on the Wednesday and Saturday at 2.30pm. To book call 01384 377 402 or 01902 429 212.



Cheeky chaps - the WBOS Full Monty crew, from left, Lyndon Flavell, Andy Fogglin, Fidel Lloyd, Callum McArthur, and Simon McGee

THE MANFREDS, featuring 1960s singing star and BBC Radio 2 DJ Paul Jones, will top the bill at a new blues and rock festival being held between Wolverhampton and Bridgnorth.

Hilton Music Festival, held in marquees at Grange Fruit Farm beside the A454, is a two-day event over the weekend of August 10 and 11.

The Manfreds, also featuring original Manfred Mann members Paul McGuinness and Mike Hugg, are the Saturday headliners.

Topping the bill on the Sunday will be Guitarist Magazine's acoustic player of the year winner Nikke Murray, who will also be performing the day before.

Saturday also features gutsy young blues and soul singer Jo Harman, M'Das (Mike Davies), raucous rock band The Wholls and rockabilly outfit The Rebelbeats.

The Sunday line up includes Stackridge members Andy Davis, Clare Lindley and Brian Mullan (DLM) with banjo wizard Leon Hunt, folk-rock duo Blackheart, and guitarist-electric harpist Jennifer Crook. There will be several other acts completing the line-up. For details call the festival hotline on 07583 484127.

Guitar legend has Robin date

ROCK Guitar legend Michael Schenker appears at the Robin 2 in Bilston on Saturday in one of only three UK club shows. His band boasts ex-Scorpions stars Herman Rarebell (drums) and Francis Buscholz (bass). MSG stalwart Wayne Findlay (keyboards) and Doogie White (Rainbow/Yngwie Malmsteen) on vocals. Call 01902 401211 to book or pay £25 on the door.



Blues festival date The Manfreds

REVIEW

Trouble is it's so predictable

The Trouble With Old Lovers, Grand Theatre 'OH what a tangled web we weave' may be a cliché, but also the truth when old lovers come together after 20 years.

The Trouble With Old Lovers is the third in the Ian Dickens' Summer Play Season at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre and tells the tale of two couples, who before they were married, dated each other.

It focuses on their subsequent reactions to their ex-partners, when one wife invites the other couple to dinner.

Comical

What she had not bargained for however, was the real identity of a woman the couple ask to bring along with them.

This is a classic case of a first rate group of actors, cast in a play, the plot of which is rather predictable and at times, a little tedious. That said though, the message is very clear - marriage triumphs over adultery.

Emmerdale star, Peter Amory, gives an excellent performance as Tom, the philandering husband-while Simon Linnell's comical portrayal of the sleazy Edward offers light relief. Nicola Bryant as the betrayed wife, Alice, is the linchpin of this production.

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Oliver Coleman

Casualty
BBC1, 9.10pm
Things are more tense than usual in the long-running medical drama this week. Instead of patients stepping on rakes or falling off ladders, tempers become heated as the prison riot escalates, putting Jeff and Tom in grave danger. Meanwhile, at the hospital Tess treats two sisters who have a lot on their plate. One of them has been suffering from headaches, and when another member of the family falls ill with potentially fatal consequences, the truth behind their home life suddenly becomes all too apparent.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Live Golf: The Open Championship. **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.10** Live Golf: The Open Championship. Further coverage of the third day's play at Muirfield.
6.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.30 Film: **Raiders of the Lost Ark**. (1931) Archaeologist Indiana Jones tries to locate the Ark of the Covenant before the Nazis can get their hands on it. Steven Spielberg's action adventure, with Harrison Ford.
8.20 The National Lottery: **In It to Win It**. Dale Winton hosts as five contestants pit their wits in a bid to win a share of the loot. Includes the National Lottery draws, presented by Scott Mills. Last in the series.
9.10 **Beauty**. The prison riot escalates, putting both Tom and Jeff in grave danger, while at the hospital Tess treats two young sisters who bear a great burden for such small shoulders. The series returns in two weeks' time.
10.00 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes worries about Dermot's choice of best man for the wedding, but is distracted when her neighbour Winnie's husband is rushed into hospital. (R)
10.30 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.
10.50 Film: **Face/Off**. (1997) An FBI agent has the face of a terrorist grafted onto his own to foil a bombing, only for the criminal to assume his identity. Action thriller, with Nicolas Cage and John Travolta.
1.00 Film: Hooper. (1978) **2.35** Weatherview. **2.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.35** Film: Wagon Train. (1940) **7.35** Film: The Big Street. (1942) **9.00** A History of Scotland. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. (R) **11.30** What to Eat Now. (R) **12.00** The A to Z of TV Cooking. **12.45** University Challenge. (R) **1.15** EastEnders. (R) **3.10** Wild Shepherdess with Kate Humble. (R) **4.10** Flog It! **5.10** Escape to the Country. (R)
6.10 Live Golf: The Open Championship. Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the conclusion of the third day's play at Muirfield, where the remaining players on the course complete their penultimate rounds.
7.40 Dad's Army. Mainwaring and the platoon are assigned to guard a vital telephone line through the night, but wake to find an unexploded bomb caught in the wires. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)
8.10 David Starkey's Music and Monarchy. New series. The author and broadcaster explores how the monarchy has shaped the history of British music, beginning by examining the stories of kings who were also composers.
9.10 Top of the Lake. The search for Tui Mitcham escalates and Robin pursues a suspect to his house for questioning, but the situation quickly spirals out of control. Thriller, with Elisabeth Moss.
10.10 QI XL. (R)
10.55 Film: **Strawberry Fields**. (2012) Premiere. Drama, starring Anna Madeley.
12.20 Golf: The Open Championship - Highlights. **1.05** Film: Repo Chick. (2009) **2.45** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.15** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** Poppy Cat. **6.40** Poppy Cat. **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Bookaboo. **7.20** Kick Buttofski - Suburban Daredevil. **7.35** The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes! **8.00** Gravity Falls. **8.25** TV News. **8.30** Dinner Date. (R) **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **11.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.15** Saturday Farm. **12.15** TV News; Weather. **12.25** All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) **1.25** The Chase. (R) **2.25** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **3.10** Film: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. (2001)
6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.15 ITV News; Weather.
6.30 You've Been Framed! (R)
7.00 You've Been Framed! (R) Comical clips, including an alligator that hates raccoons. (R)
7.30 Your Face Sounds Familiar. Denise Van Outen joins Emma Bunton and Julian Clary on the panel as the celebrities impersonate more randomly selected music icons. Alesha Dixon and Paddy McGuinness host.
8.45 All Star Family Fortunes. Broadchurch star Carolyn Pickles and actor Perry Fenwick (EastEnders' Billy Mitchell) team up with their families in an attempt to win money for charity.
9.45 The Americans. An assassin is sent to kill American scientists.
10.45 ITV News; Weather.
11.00 Film: Fearless. (2006) Fact-based martial arts adventure, starring Jet Li.
12.50 Jackpot247. **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Caterham Motorsports. **7.25** The Grid. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Undercover Boss Canada. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.45** Come Dine with Me. (R)
6.15 Come Dine with Me. A hairdresser hosts the final dinner party in Wakefield. (R)
6.45 Channel 4 News.
7.15 Ramadan Diaries. Short films following British Muslims as they observe Ramadan.
7.20 Grand Designs. A scientist tries to build a carbon-neutral home in Boxford, Suffolk, but the use of untested technology and the uncompromising choice of materials complicate matters. (R)
8.20 The Million Pound Drop Live. Radio 1 DJ Greg James and former Dragons' Den star Hilary Devey try to answer questions correctly to hold onto £1 million for charity, presented by Davina McCall. Last in the series.
10.00 Film: **The American**. (2010) Premiere. Thriller, with George Clooney and Violante Placido.
12.00 Film: Carriers. (2009) **1.35** Britain's Oldest Stand-Up. (R) **2.00** The Fishmonger. (R) **2.10** Welcome to Glarryn. (R) **2.15** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.25** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.20** SuperScrippers. (R) **5.35** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. (R) **10.55** Inside Hollywood. **11.00** Big Brother: Live Eviction. (R) **12.30** The Hotel Inspector Returns. (R) **1.30** Cowboy Traders. (R) **2.30** CSI: NY. (R) **3.25** CSI: NY. (R) **4.15** CSI: NY. (R) **5.15** Film: Jesse Stone: Sea Change. (2007)
6.55 5 News Weekend.
7.00 Cricket: The Ashes. England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents action from the third day of the Second Test at Lord's, where the five-match series continued.
8.00 NCIS. The team becomes involved in an international incident when the body of an American petty officer is discovered, and evidence suggests he was killed on a British ship. (R)
8.55 NCIS. The team investigates the deaths of a radio DJ and a naval officer who were both killed during a live broadcast, and discovers a number of potential suspects. (R)
9.50 5 News Weekend.
10.00 Big Brother. Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the latest eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants.
11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. Psychological analysis of the housemates' behaviour.
12.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Great TV Moments. **8.00** Top Gear. **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News. **10.00** Family Guy: Greatest Frakin' Griffin. **11.50** American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 John Sergeant on Tracks of Empire. **8.00** Oceans. **9.00** Wallander: Firewall. **10.25** Southern Rock at the BBC. **11.25** Sweet Home Alabama: The Southern Rock Saga
ITV2
3.55 Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! **4.55** Film: Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back. (1980) **7.30** Film: Mamma Mia! (1999) **9.45** Film: Deep Blue Sea (1999) **11.55** Lemon La Vida Loca
ITV3
9.00 Lewis. A visiting professor is murdered. **11.00** Cold Blood
ITV4
2.00 Tour de France 2013 Live. Stage 20 from Amneville to Sernoz. **4.30** The Cycle Show. **5.30** Police, Camera, Action! **6.00** The Motorbike Show. **7.00** Tour de France 2013 Highlights. **8.00** Black Gold. **9.00** Hell on Wheels. **10.00** Film: Waterworld (1995)
E4
5.25 The Mindy Project. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory. **7.00** Suburgatory. **7.25** How I Met Your Mother. **8.30** Happy Endings. **9.00** Film: Dance Flick (2009) **10.40** The Inbetweeners. **11.45** The Big Bang Theory
Film4
3.40 Arthur's Hallowed Ground (1986) **5.15** Horton Hears a Who! (2008) **6.55** The Day the Earth Stood Still (2008) **9.00** Taken (2008). Thriller, starring Liam Neeson. **10.50** Watchmen (2009). Comic-book drama, starring Patrick Wilson and Jackie Earle Haley.

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Uri Geller

The Secret Life of Uri Geller BBC2, 9pm

We think of Uri Geller and two things spring to mind: the weird art of spoon-bending and a lengthy, well-publicised friendship with Michael Jackson. In his time in the spotlight, the illusionist and paranormal expert has often courted controversy, and everyone now and then he hits the headlines for some bizarre reason or other. But the Beeb's going in with a different angle for this documentary, by exploring the idea that Geller is a psychic spy for intelligence agencies on three continents and has been over a 40-year period.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Live Golf: The Open Championship. **12.30** BBC News; Weather. **12.40** Live Golf: The Open Championship.

7.00 **Celebrity Mastermind.** Charles Campion, Kurtis Stacey, Naga Munchetty and Darren Kenny answer questions on Kenneth Grahame, Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Ryder Cup and Wassily Kandinsky. (R)

7.30 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

8.00 **Countryside.** Essex is this week's location, as Julia Bradbury walks one of Britain's most dangerous footpaths and Matt Baker meets children who are learning about food by growing it themselves, including Weather for the Week Ahead.

9.00 **The White Queen.** Elizabeth is devastated to learn Edward has taken a mistress, Anne is made a virtual prisoner after becoming George's ward and Margaret searches for a potential husband.

10.00 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

10.25 **Nick and Margaret: We All Pay Your Benefits.** The claimants try out working life in the conclusion of Nick Hewer and Margaret Mountford's experiment to find out who has it best – taxpayers or those on unemployment benefit. (R)

11.25 **Luther.** The cop searches for a vigilante killer. (R)

12.25 **Film:** Night and the City. (1992) **2.05** Weatherview. **2.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 This is BBC Two. **7.05** Film: Split Second. (1953) **8.30** Monty Don's French Gardens. (R) **9.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) **12.00** Film: Easy Virtue. (2008) **1.30** Film: The Way We Were. (1973) **3.25** Coast. **3.55** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.55** Songs of Praise. (R) **5.30** The Mating Game – Natural World Special. (R)

6.30 **Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve.** Simon journeys from Oman to the Maldives, where the tropical coral islands are being damaged by bleaching and an entire island has been manufactured as a landfill dump. (R)

7.30 **Wild Cameramen at Work.** Capturing footage of the rarest and most dangerous species on land.

8.00 **Top Gear.** Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May build a car that can turn into a hovercraft, and two variants of the Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG are tested.

9.00 **The Secret Life of Uri Geller.** The illusionist's covert work for intelligence agencies and the military.

10.00 **Live MotoGP.** The US Grand Prix race (Start-time 10.00pm).

11.00 **Mock the Week.** With Rob Beckett, Ed Byrne and Chris Ramsey. (R)

11.30 **What a Load of Buzzcocks.** Music news stories and highlights of the comedy quiz from 2000. (R)

12.00 Golf: The Open Championship – Highlights. **12.45** Sign Zone: Countryside. (R) **1.40** Holy City. (R) **2.40** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.15** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** Poppy Cat. **6.40** Poppy Cat. **6.50** Animals. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.10** Bookaboo. **7.20** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **7.35** The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes! **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.30** Film: Columbo: Any Old Port in a Storm. (1973) **1.30** Love Your Garden. (R) **2.30** Film: Dragnet. (1987) **4.25** A Touch of Frost. (R) **6.30** Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 **ITV News;** Weather.

7.00 **Tippling Point: Lucky Stars.** With Rylan Clark, Debra Stephenson and Colin Baker.

8.00 **All Star Mr & Mrs.** With ex-Emmerdale star Sherree Murphy and her footballer husband Harry Kewell, gardener Diarmuid Gavin with his wife Justine, and broadcaster Johnny Ball with his spouse Di.

9.00 **Law & Order: UK.** Part two of two. Sam is suspended from duty and decides to spend some time with his son, while Brooks and Leyton discover who was responsible for the train crash.

10.00 **ITV News;** Weather.

10.15 **The Talent Show Story.** The role of the judges. Last in the series. (R)

11.15 **Murder, She Wrote.** Metzger's brother is accused of murder. (R)

12.10 The Store. **2.15** Monk. (R) **2.55** Motorsport UK. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Ironman 2013. **7.30** Slalom Triathlon. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** Film: Jungle 2 Jungle. (1997) Comedy, starring Tim Allen. **4.30** Deal or No Deal. **5.35** Film: The Death and Life of Charlie St. Cloud. (2010)

7.25 **Channel 4 News.** Short films following British Muslims as they observe the holy month of Ramadan and talk about the effects of fasting. Part of the 4Ramadan season.

8.00 **The Britain That Saved Britain.** Paralympics presenter and former Royal Marines commando Arthur Williams pays tribute to the De Havilland Mosquito, the Second World War aeroplane he believes history has forgotten.

9.00 **The Returned.** Camille's attempt to help friends of the family ends in tragedy. Simon investigates the circumstances of his first death, while Julie and Laure want to run away with Victor.

10.00 **Film: The Fourth Kind.** (2009) Premiere. A psychiatrist uncovers evidence of alien abduction in a small Alaskan town. Sci-fi horror, starring Milla Jovovich and Will Patton.

12.00 **Film: White Noise.** (2005) **1.45** Southland. (R) **2.25** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) **3.20** Secret Eaters. (R) **4.20** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.35** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Milkshake! Show Songs. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Tolly's Travelling Circus. **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Bangers and The Brave and the Bold. (R) **11.00** Inside Hollywood. **11.05** Big Brother. (R) **12.00** BB BOTS: Ryan's Supersized Celebrity Sunday. **1.00** Film: Mermaids. (1990) **3.05** Film: Michael. (1996) **5.10** Film: The Kid. (2000)

7.00 **Cricknet: The Ashes.** England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents action from the fourth day of the Second Test at Lord's, where the five-match series continued.

8.00 **Once Upon a Time.** Snow White's goodness is put to the test.

8.55 **5 News Weekend.**

9.00 **Big Brother.**

10.00 **Film: Dumb and Dumber.** (1994) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels.

12.15 **Sexters.** **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Inside the Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.55** Hana's Helpline. (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 UEFA Women's Euro 2013

8.00 Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You **9.00** Family Guy: Greatest Freakin' Griffin **10.00** Family Guy

BBC Four

7.00 A Poet's Guide to Britain **7.30** Proms on Four: 20th Century Classics **8.10** Elizabeth Taylor: England's Other Elizabeth **10.05** Hollywood's Lost Screen Goddess: Clara Bow **11.05** Arena: Screen Goddesses

ITV2

2.50 **Film:** The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **5.05** **Film:** Star Wars: Episode IV: Return of the Jedi (1983) **7.45** **Film:** The Incredible Hulk (2008) **10.00** **Film:** Couples Retreat (2009)

ITV3

3.40 Wycliffe **4.50** Foyle's War **6.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** **Film:** Return of the Jedi (1983) Comedy drama, starring Steve Martin. **11.30** **Film:** Dead Calm (1989)

ITV4

2.25 **Film:** The Far Country (1954) **4.30** Tour de France 2013 Live. The final stage from Versailles to Paris Champs-Elysees. **9.00** River Monsters **10.00** First Among Equals: The Laurie Cunningham Story **11.00** Tour de France 2013 Highlights

E4

9.00 90210 **5.25** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** New Girl **8.00** **Film:** The Net (1995) **10.10** The Inbetweeners **11.20** Skins: Pure – Part One

Film4

3.05 Carry On Nurse (1959) **4.45** Star Trek: Insurrection (1998) **6.50** Last Holiday (2006) **9.00** The Karate Kid (2010) Martial arts drama, with Jaden Smith and Jackie Chan. **11.45** Ip Man (2008)

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Film Choices

MONDAY

The Obsession, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A ballet teacher develops a twisted infatuation with one of his students and starts dating her mother to get closer to his pupil. When the woman realises what is going on, she breaks off their relationship – leading him to become even more desperate and dangerous. Thriller, starring Daphne Zuniga. (2006)

TUESDAY

Synecdoche, New York, BBC1, 12.30am

A neurotic playwright suffering a series of worrying physical ailments takes on a grand project – building a replica of New York in a warehouse for a play based on his own life. After his wife goes travelling, he drifts into an affair, but then finds a second lover in the actress playing his mistress in the production. Drama, with Philip Seymour Hoffman. (2008)

WEDNESDAY

Match Point, BBC1, 12am

A tennis instructor becomes engaged to the sister of a wealthy upper-class client, but is soon attracted to his girlfriend, a seductive American actress. The pair struggle to suppress their feelings but are eventually drawn into a clandestine affair – with tragic repercussions. Woody Allen's London-set thriller, starring Scarlett Johansson. (2005)



Paranormal Activity, Friday, ITV, 10.35pm

THURSDAY

Carry On Up the Khyber, Channel 4, 12.5pm

British forces in colonial India find themselves in deep trouble when a manic local ruler discovers the soldiers' fearsome reputation is thoroughly undeserved – prompting open rebellion. Comedy, starring Sid James, Kenneth Williams and Charles Hawtrey. (1968)

FRIDAY

Paranormal Activity, ITV, 10.35pm

A couple move into a new house, only to be disturbed by unexplained supernatural phenomena. They become convinced the building is haunted and set up a network of cameras to acquire evidence of the spirits. An attempt to directly contact the ghosts only makes matters worse. Horror, starring Katie Featherston and Micah Sloat. (2007)

Edge of Darkness, BBC1, 11.35pm

Boston homicide detective Thomas Craven witnesses his activist daughter being brutally murdered outside his home. Believing he was the intended target, Craven sets out to find her killers, but stumbles across a huge political conspiracy reaching to the highest levels of government. Thriller based on the 1985 BBC series, starring Mel Gibson, Ray Winstone, Danny Huston, Bojana Novakovic and David Aaron Baker. (2010)

Pick of the Week

David's new series hits all the right notes

David Starkey is not the kind of man you want to cross.

To say he doesn't suffer fools gladly is to put it mildly – if he doesn't agree with something you say or do, he will pull no punches in telling you about it.

His refusal to compromise has, however, made him an unlikely small-screen star. He's now one of the most respected historians around – which is why, perhaps, those who love the subject can't wait for his take on music and monarchy, his first solo series for the BBC.

"Making this series has been a delight, it has forced me to see historical problems, familiar to me as a political historian, in a quite unexpected light," says Starkey. "It has also been an anecdotal pleasure: music speaks to monarchs and elicits some surprising replies."

"I have been privileged to hear some of the finest music in the canon, sung and played by some of the best performers. It is a royal pageant in music, and, thanks to the magic of television, one we can all now take part in."

Although Starkey didn't become a prominent figure until relatively recently, he began his TV career many moons ago when a former pupil of his (he began his career as a university lecturer) invited him to appear on Behave Yourself, a programme hosted by the much-missed Russell Harty.

"It was a cross between Big Brother and Coronation Street – really TV 30 years before it happened... I had a panel of experts, and I was the historian," explains Starkey.

He says his shows are so popular because he tries "to tell the kind of history that uses many of the techniques of popular entertainment", for which he readily admits he's been criticised.

Nevertheless, it seems to strike a chord (pun entirely intended) with viewers.

Now he's mixing his favourite subject with music. The episode takes in kings who were also composers, such as Henry V and Henry VIII, and the role of the military and monarchs' religious ambitions in making British music the envy of Europe, as well as the great debt

British music still owes to Queen Elizabeth I.

Starkey also travels through time to demonstrate the extent to which the influence of past monarchs is still ingrained in British music today.

The world-famous choir at King's College, Cambridge, Elton College choir and early music ensemble Alamire showcase their talents via performances of music by Thomas Tallis, William Byrd, John Dunstable and John Dowland.

But arguably the most impressive moment comes during a visit to the Chapel Royal at Hampton Court Palace; even the usually unflappable Starkey is impressed with Elton College's choristers when they sing to him from the same hand-illuminated choir-book used by their 16th-century predecessors.

As ever, Starkey is on fine form, bringing the subject matter vividly to life – he may even turn a few viewers on to the joys of Tudor-era music in the process.

But then, you would expect nothing less – he is, after all, the king of TV historians, and long may he reign



David Starkey's Music and Monarchy, Saturday, BBC2, 8.10pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Botched Up Bodies Channel 5, 9pm

There was once a time when plastic surgery and other appearance-altering procedures were only for unfortunate souls who had suffered terrible accidents, or had heaps of cash. But that's changed in recent years, and now, the number of people going under the knife for unnecessary, yet potentially life-changing, operations is on the increase. Those who opt for such a course of treatment expect to have their features altered – and on waking up from the anaesthetic, that has usually happened, but just not always in the way they expected. This new series claims that repairing botched cosmetic operations is now a business in itself – but do these secondary surgeries result in people finally getting the look they wanted?

Don't Blame Facebook Channel 4, 10pm

In some ways, Facebook has arguably made our lives better – it's made it a lot easier to find out what someone you went to school with and haven't spoken to since is having for tea on any given day. But social networking can also land you in trouble, especially if you forget that when you press post, you're sending out your ill-advised comments and embarrassing photos to everyone on your friends list and possibly beyond. The latest instalment in this occasional series looks at some of the people who have made some humiliating mistakes on social media, whether they are trolls who have gone too far, or amateur snappers whose private photos have been offered up for public consumption.

TUESDAY

I Survived a Fatal Flight Channel 5, 8pm

If you're just about packed and ready to head off on your jollies, this documentary might be one to record and watch upon your return when your feet are firmly back on solid ground. These are the fascinating stories of lone survivors of otherwise fatal plane crashes, as they describe what they went through in bid to survive while all around them were dead. At 87, D-Day veteran Phil Bradley is the oldest lone survivor in the world, while Juliane Koepcke's story of her flight exploding mid-air, sending her plummeting to the ground from two miles above the Peruvian rainforest, will leave the hairs on the back of your neck standing on end.

Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free Channel 4, 8pm

Property guru Kirstie Allsopp doesn't just help people find houses – she's branching out into furnishing them as well. In her latest series, she's on a mission to show us that buying a new place doesn't automatically mean you have to take a trip to a certain well-known Swedish retailer in search of cheap wardrobes and tea lights, because if you've got the skills and know the right places to look, you could kit the place out for next to nothing. To prove her point, she's opening her own shop in Glasgow, which will be stocked with furniture that's been

sourced for free. She'll also be transforming two houses a week, beginning with Glasgow couple Harry Blackwood and Gillian Bland's pad.

WEDNESDAY

Love/Hate Channel 5, 10pm

RTE's cult series finally comes to Channel 5, so there's a chance for viewers on the mainland to see what all the fuss is about. It centres on Darren Tracey (Robert Sheehan), a Dubliner who left for Spain a year ago when a gun was found in his house. But now, homesick, he returns for a party to celebrate his brother's release from prison. However, when his sibling is murdered, and with the finger of suspicion pointed in every direction, Darren's thoughts turn to revenge. Meanwhile, he runs into his ex-girlfriend Rosie. Still in love with her, Darren's longing isn't made any easier when he learns that she's moved on and is now living with gang member Stephen Doyle. Game of Thrones' Aiden Gillen also stars, with Ruth Negga, Tom Vaughan-Lawlor, Ruth Bradley and Lawrence Kinlan.



8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown, Friday, Channel 4, 9pm

THURSDAY

Dara O Briain's Science Club BBC2, 8pm

The eponymous host returns with a second series of the show which takes a scientific subject each week and addresses it from different angles. Dara will be using exploratory films and studio discussions to get to the heart of these weighty matters, while also drawing on the expertise of specialists. Episode one looks at the human mind. In Pittsburgh, journalist Alok Jha tests whether a computer can read his thoughts, and in Texas, oceanographer Helen Czerski examines Nasa's theory that the Earth's weather is being influenced by a mysterious force. Back in the studio, Dara takes control of metallurgist Mark Miodownik's brain to demonstrate how illusions and machines can be used to manipulate the mind.

FRIDAY

8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Channel 4, 9pm

When 8 Out of 10 Cats regulars Jimmy Carr, Jon Richardson and Sean Lock played long-running quiz Countdown as part of Channel 4's mash-up in 2012, some thought the idea might fall flat on its face. However, it proved to be one of Channel 4's most rewarding experiments, not least because Jon got to show off what a maths wiz he is when under pressure. "Wouldn't that make a great series?" thought many. Well, now here it is, and joining all of the above are Rhod Gilbert and Jason Manford. Adding glamour to the proceedings is Rachel Riley, who provides the letters and numbers with a little help from comedian Joe Wilkinson.

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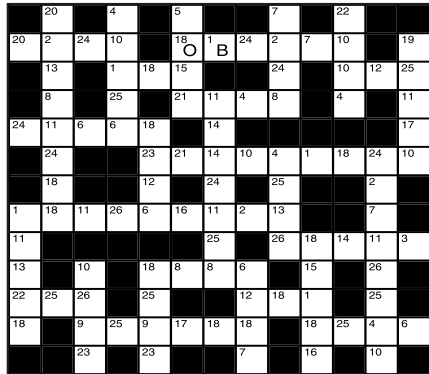
Puzzler

Brain Gym

No.230

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

U	K	V	Z	P	N	S	X	Q	L	C	F	I
J	A	Y	R	O	B	T	H	G	M	W	D	E

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

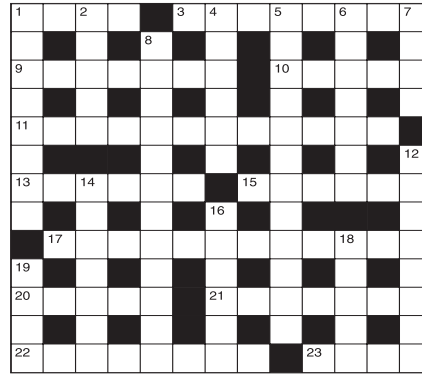
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- They provide fuel records (4)
- Observed the beaks - they're mergansers (3-5)
- Behaved playfully - subjected to a search (7)
- Measure a young animal by it (5)
- Making the pitch too big - but inflicting defeat (12)
- The area of what was once temporary accommodation (6)
- A woodworker who becomes a member (6)
- The affliction of one who experiences irregular beatings (5-7)
- Stick to prohibition outside (5)
- Opposite directions included in characteristic conveyance (7)
- They put on other people's clothes! (8)
- Permanent settlers have come to this (4)

Down

- Surplus remained on top (4-4)
- The conductor is caricatured, we hear (5)
- They figure out the total number of poisonous creatures (6)
- Presumably he's not in the front rank of foresters (12)
- Noble arrangement about an Eastern country (7)
- Position from which to take aim, one hears (4)
- Figures are cut on them by blades a foot long (7-5)
- Describing the cleric who is unusually spritely (8)
- Upholder of the board (7)
- Pressman tried to change nothing inside (6)
- Promotes sales - item of property put back inside (5)
- The position of one who has retired (4)



Quick Clues:

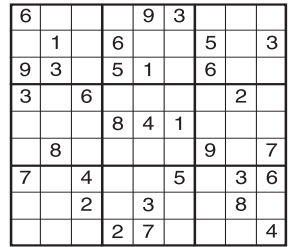
Across

- Saucy (4)
- Jam (8)
- Rubbers (7)
- Hackneyed (5)
- Teacher (12)
- Lottery (6)
- Hesitate (6)
- Impolite (12)
- Boredom (5)
- Wordy (7)
- Commonplace (8)
- Pluck (4)

Down

- Delight (8)
- Extend (5)
- Recommence (6)
- Adequate (12)
- Apparel (7)
- Pitcher (4)
- Memory (12)
- Outlook (8)
- Simulated (7)
- Tremble (6)
- Smell (5)
- Nil (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

3	1	1	4	8	9	6	7	5
5	7	6	1	5	3	2	4	9
9	5	4	7	2	6	8	3	1
2	6	8	5	7	4	9	1	3
5	9	3	8	6	1	4	2	7
7	4	7	3	9	2	1	6	8
7	2	9	6	3	8	1	5	4
4	8	5	9	1	7	3	6	2
6	3	1	2	4	5	7	9	8

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Bee-line; 7 Sheep; 9 Trunk; 10 Pension; 12 Reinforcing; 14 Authorities; 18 Against; 19 Stern; 21 Sower; 22 Shearer.
Down: 1 Bears; 2 Blonde; 3 Ant; 4 Physic; 5 Recount; 8 Deports; 11 Undress; 13 Surgeon; 15 Hailed; 16 Extras; 17 Tried; 20 Shy. QUICK - Across: 6 Decorum; 7 Sally; 9 Claim; 10 Elegant; 12 Intermingle; 14 Information; 18 Blatant; 19 Ideal; 21 Agree; 22 Capable. Down: 1 Reply; 2 Notion; 3 Buy; 4 Jargon; 5 Blankly; 8 Climate; 11 Teeming; 13 Analogy; 15 Outlet; 16 Ordeal; 17 Tally; 20 Wan.



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- THREE BEDROOMS • LOUNGE
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- FAMILY BATHROOM • OFF ROAD PARKING
- EPC: D

IVY HOUSE ROAD, TIVIDALE

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- DINING AREA • FAMILY BATHROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN • UTILITY
- EPC: D

JOHN STREET, ROWLEY REGIS

£99,950

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- DOUBLE GLAZING • EPC: D

OLIVE LANE, ROWLEY REGIS

SOLD

£109,950

- THREE BEDROOM • LOUNGE
- FITTED KITCHEN • FRONT DRIVEWAY
- NO CHAIN

HEATH STREET, ROWLEY REGIS

SOLD

£129,950

- THREE BEDROOMS • LOUNGE
- FITTED KITCHEN/DINER • CONSERVATORY
- MEZZANINE DRESSING ROOM • EN-SUITE
- GUEST W.C. • OFF ROAD PARKING
- EPC: C

WESTLEY COURT ROAD, WEST BROMWICH

LET BY

£525 pcm

- TWO BEDROOMS • APARTMENT
- LOUNGE • FITTED KITCHEN
- MODERN • SECURED PARKING
- EPC: B

BLAKELEY HALL ROAD, OLDBURY

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- FAMILY BATHROOM • OFF ROAD PARKING
- EPC: E

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HEATH STREET, ROWLEY REGIS

SOLD

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- FITTED KITCHEN • OFF ROAD PARKING
- GARAGE • REAR GARDEN
- CENTRAL HEATING • NO CHAIN
- EPC: E

WINDSOR ROAD, ROWLEY REGIS

£149,950

- THREE BEDROOMS • LOUNGE
- FITTED KITCHEN • CONSERVATORY
- OFF ROAD PARKING • REAR GARDEN
- MODERN INTERIOR • EPC: TBC

WILKES AVENUE, WALSALL

£550 pcm

- THREE BEDROOMS • TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN • FAMILY BATHROOM
- OFF ROAD PARKING • EPC: D

HILTON ROAD, TIVIDALE

£550 pcm

- THREE BEDROOMS • LOUNGE
- FITTED KITCHEN • FAMILY BATHROOM
- REFURBISHED • EPC: TBC

PINKNEY PLACE, OLDBURY

LET BY

£550 pcm

- THREE BEDROOMS • LOUNGE
- FITTED KITCHEN/DINER • GUEST W.C.
- OFF ROAD PARKING • GARAGE
- REAR GARDEN • EPC: E

NIMMINGS ROAD, ROWLEY REGIS

£99,950

- THREE BEDROOMS • TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN • DOWN STAIRS FAMILY BATHROOM
- CENTRAL HEATING • DOUBLE GLAZED
- EPC: E

STATION ROAD, CRADLEY HEATH

£125,000

- THREE BEDROOMS • LOUNGE
- FITTED KITCHEN • GUEST W.C.
- CONSERVATORY • OFF ROAD PARKING
- REAR GARDEN • EPC: C

BANNERS LANE, HALESOWEN

£159,950

- THREE BEDROOMS • LOUNGE/DINER
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HALESOWEN, Bromsgrove Road

Located in the desirable area of Romsley. This unfurnished semi detached house features gas central heating, modern and spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, loft space, front & rear gardens, garage, fantastic views, inspection strongly recommended. EPC: E

£875 PCM



CRADLEY HEATH, Pear Tree Lane

Lovely detached home on a large corner plot. Close to Cradley Heath and the local train station, the house benefits from a large lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, utility and cloakroom, 4 bedrooms with en-suite to master, family bathroom, gas central heating, double glazing, garage and driveway parking and private rear garden. EPC: C

£750 PCM



BRIERLEY HILL, Golden Cross Way

A furnished detached house close to Brierley Hill Town Centre. Featuring a downstairs w.c., living/dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 good size bedrooms, master bedroom with en suite shower room, house bathroom. Benefits also include gas central heating, front and rear gardens, garage. Convenient location for Merry Hill. Inspection strongly recommended. EPC: TBC

£750 PCM



HALESOWEN, Shelton Lane

A fabulously spacious family home, set in an elevated position on a popular road. The property has been fully refurbished throughout, featuring a new kitchen with integrated appliances, 3 large bedrooms, new bathroom, and a good sized lounge diner with French doors leading to a patio and a garden set over different levels. A garage and driveway completes the home. EPC: E

£675 PCM



STOURBRIDGE, Gooch Close

Well presented 2 bedroom refurbished semi-detached house in this quiet cul-de-sac. Featuring a large kitchen/dining room, spacious lounge with feature fireplace, patio doors leading to a lovely aspect covered front veranda, the garden is a well kept lawn with an abundance of exotic shrubs and flower beds. Guest cloakroom, family bathroom with shower over bath, 2 double & 1 large single bedroom. Driveway parking. EPC: E

£595 PCM



HALESOWEN, Hoosen Close

A delightful modern refurbished mid terraced house located within a desirable quiet cul-de-sac. Features a lovely refitted kitchen with electric oven/hob, fridge freezer and integrated washer/dryer. Gas central heating, large lounge with patio doors offering views across a mature herbaceous garden benefitting from a sunny aspect. 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, rear garden, garage, parking space. EPC: E

£575 PCM



HALESOWEN, Brett Young Close

An impressive 1st floor apartment which comes part furnished, within walking distance to Halesowen Town Centre. Comprising 2 double bedrooms, master bedroom with en-suite, spacious lounge with a leather sofa, contemporary kitchen, house bathroom with shower, allocated parking. Well worth viewing. Available now. EPC: B

£575 PCM



HALESOWEN, Mount Street

Centrally located in Halesowen. This wonderfully presented end terraced house features 2 good sized reception rooms, open plan modern kitchen, 2 big double bedrooms, house bathroom with shower, medium sized rear garden and on road parking. EPC: E

£550 PCM



HALESOWEN, Foxhollies Drive

An unfurnished modern semi detached property in cul-de-sac location. A short distance from Halesowen and the number 9 bus route, this home features a lovely living room, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, garage, driveway for 2 cars, front and rear gardens. This property is not suitable for young children. Would suit professional couple. EPC: D

£550 PCM



ROWLEY REGIS, Client View

A fantastic opportunity to rent a brand new property on a client development. 'Client View' houses of 2 & 4 bedrooms. Finished to an exceptional standard. These homes feature spacious lounge with patio doors leading to a low maintenance garden. With homes having various layouts and some featuring double walk in showers, en-suites or family bathrooms, there is definitely a plot suitable for all. These won't be around for long. EPC: TBC

From £535-£625 PCM



NETHERTON, Quayside Walk

A fantastic 2 bedroom 2nd floor apartment set in delightful gardens with superb views over the canal. The accommodation includes entrance hall, lounge with Juliet balcony, fitted kitchen with fridge freezer and washer dryer, 2 bedrooms, master bedroom with en suite shower room and 2 double fitted maple effect wardrobes, further bathroom, double glazing, electric heating and allocated parking. EPC: D

£525 PCM



NETHERTON, Wellfield Gardens

A well presented 2 bedroom semi-detached family home situated in a quiet cul-de-sac position. Lounge, kitchen/dining room and re-fitted bathroom, gas central heating, parking at side of house for several cars. Secluded rear garden. Viewing highly recommended. EPC: D

£500 PCM



UPPER GORNAL, Tudor Vale

Situated at the end of the cul-de-sac. This unfurnished end mews house features gas central heating, newly decorated and carpeted living room, fitted dining kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, house bathroom with shower, rear garden, parking space. EPC: C

£475 PCM



ROWLEY REGIS, Client Hill Drive

Located in a very quiet cul-de-sac. This starter home sized semi-detached house, comprises 2 good sized bedrooms, fitted kitchen, cosy living room, house bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing, low maintenance tiered rear garden, parking space to front, unfurnished. EPC: D

£475 PCM



HALESOWEN, Oldnall Road

Attractive apartment with high specification interior built just 5 years ago. This 1st floor apartment features gas central heating, living/dining room, fitted kitchen with oven/hob, 1 double bedroom, bathroom with shower. Also benefitting from a large garage and external storage room. Internal inspection needed to appreciate size and the spectacular views on offer! EPC: B

£475 PCM



DUDLEY, Anchor Drive

Modern and comfortable living. This 2nd floor apartment is set in a quiet location, with easy access to Dudley, Tipton, Wednesbury and the M5. The property features 2 double bedrooms, modern fitted kitchen with integrated electric oven and hob, white bathroom suite with shower, spacious lounge with patio doors opening to a Juliet balcony, electric heating, double glazing, allocated parking space. EPC: C

£475 PCM



CRADLEY HEATH, Pear Tree Lane

Modern ground floor apartment. Situated on a popular development within walking distance of Old Hill train station and Old Hill shops, the property comprises 1 large double bedroom and 1 single bedroom, gas central heating, spacious living room, fitted kitchen with small fridge, bathroom with shower, parking space, own rear garden, unfurnished. EPC: C

£450 PCM



STOURBRIDGE, Bagley Street

Deceptively large and within walking distance to Stourbridge town centre. This lovely semi-detached house features a great lounge, large dining kitchen with gas oven and hob, 2 double bedrooms, house bathroom with shower, nice sized rear garden, on road parking, double glazing, gas central heating. Available now. EPC: D

£450 PCM



TIPTON, Ferguson Drive

A lovely modern 1st floor apartment, which is ideally located for Wednesbury and Dudley. This great apartment features 2 bedrooms, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower, electric storage heating, double glazing, 2 allocated parking spaces, communal gardens. Internal viewing recommended. EPC: C

£450 PCM



HALESOWEN, The Infield

Stunning and modern apartment on a sought after new estate. This ground floor apartment features 2 bedrooms, large lounge with superb kitchen and appliances, bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing, allocated parking. Available immediately. Not to be missed! EPC: C

£400 PCM



HALESOWEN, Fairfield Road

Ideally located in central Halesowen for shops, buses to Merry Hill and Birmingham. This unfurnished first floor flat features 1 bedroom, large lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower. An opportunity not to be missed. EPC: D

£375 PCM

Property

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Berriman Eaton is inviting offers in the region of £206,995 for the house at 6 Prices Road in Lower Gornal

Modern detached close to centre of Gornal village

A MODERN three bedroom detached house, close to the centre of Gornal, is on the market based on offers around £206,995.

The property at 6 Prices Road benefits from central heating and double glazing, and outside to the front is a block paved driveway to a single garage and to the rear a Japanese-style garden with paved patio.

On the ground floor is an entrance hall and cloakroom with toilet and wash hand basin and rear lounge with patio doors to the garden and inglenook fireplace with inset fire.

Utility

There is a separate front dining room and a breakfast kitchen with base, drawer and wall units, work tops, inset stainless steel sink, built in cooker with separate gas hob and extractor over, built in dishwasher and fridge freezer and separate utility with sink and base unit.

On the first floor are three bedrooms – the master with en suite of WC, wash hand basin and shower cubicle – and family bathroom with white suite comprising of bath, separate shower cubicle, WC and wash hand basin.

For further details or to arrange a viewing call the agent Berriman Eaton on 01902 747744.



The lounge has a feature fireplace and French doors



Pathways lead around a pretty garden of the house in Gornal that is well stocked with trees and shrubs



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Oldbury  Kings Court Apsley Road * EPC = B * Purpose built first floor flat * Gated development * Close to Hagley Road West * Two bedrooms * Bathroom with white suite & shower over bath * Fitted kitchen with host of appliances * Gas boiler heating radiators Offers in the region of £110,000	Oldbury  Wolverhampton Road * Semi detached house * In need of some modernisation and improvement * Three bedrooms and bathroom * Two reception rooms and extended kitchen * Detached garage/store * Gas boiler/radiators * EPC = D Offers in the region of £139,950	Oldbury  Queensridge Court Queensway * First Floor Luxury Retirement Flat * Complex with Host of Onsite Facilities * Age Requirement of 55 years * Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen * Principal Bedroom with En-Suite * Further Bedroom (or Dining Room) * Vacant Possession Available * 25% Shared Equity Subject to Rent & Charges EPC = B £27,875	Oldbury  124 Kingsway * Modern Ground Floor Flat * One bedroom * Kitchen/Living Room * Allocated Communal Parking * Storage heating * EPC = D Offers in the region of £74,950	Quinton  Faraday Avenue * Semi Detached House * Kitchen/Dining Room * Three Bedrooms * Garage * Pleasant Rear Garden * EPC = C Offers in the region of £129,950	Halesowen  Hillbrow Crescent * Semi Detached House * In Need of Improvement/Modernisation * Two Reception Rooms * Three Bedrooms, Bathroom * Side Garage * Enclosed Garden EPC=IbC * Vacant Possession Available Offers in the region of £139,950	Halesowen  Howley Grange Road * Traditional style semi-detached house * 3 bedrooms/bathroom with white suite * Lounge leading to conservatory * Dining room, fitted kitchen * Gas boiler heating radiators * Lovely enclosed gardens * Garage/store, utility room & sep wc * A must view property * EPC = D Offers in the region of £219,950
Oldbury  201 Titford Road * Terraced house * Two double bedrooms * Two reception rooms * Kitchen with some appliances * 1st floor bathroom with shower * GCH and attractive garden * Available now! * EPC = D Monthly rent of £500+ application fee £135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £65 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.	Quinton  247 Quinton Lane * Semi-detached house * 3 bedrooms * EPC = D * Kitchen/diner with oven, hob & hood * Bathroom with shower & 'Jacuzzi' style bath * Gas central heating * Garden & Single garage to rear * Available from 1st August 2013. Monthly rent of £695+ application fee £135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £65 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.	Cradley Heath  32 Spinners End Drive * Self contained ground floor flat * One bedroom * Living room with electric fire * Kitchen with oven, hob & hood * Bathroom * DG windows & Night storage heating * EPC=D Monthly rent of £375+ application fee £135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £65 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.	Oldbury  8 Chester Rise * Spacious Mid-terraced house * Three bedrooms * Large living/dining room * Kitchen with oven, hob and hood * Bathroom with shower * GCH & DGW * EPC = C Monthly rent of £575+ application fee £135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £65 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.	Smethwick  20A Abbey Road * Two bed flat * Various appliances * Large living room * Parking space * EPC=F Monthly rent of £425+ application fee £135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £65 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.	Dudley  Flat 5 Festival Court St. Johns Street * Ground floor flat * Two bedrooms * Kitchen with essential appliances * Spacious living room * Bathroom with shower * Secure gated car park * EPC = C Monthly rent of £420+ application fee £135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £65 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.	Cradley Heath Old Hill  Flat Above 158 Halesowen Road * First floor flat. * One bedroom. * Double glazed windows. * Electric heating. * New carpets/ floor coverings. * EPC=E Monthly rent of £375+ application fee £135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £65 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.

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Driveway for several vehicles
Lounge, kitchen diner & d/s wc
GCH & double glazing
Unfurnished - no fss - no pets or smokers
Available early July EPC rating: C
£50pcm Ref: DL135

MALPAS DRIVE, BARTLEY GREEN



Two double bedroom - no upward chain
16ft lounge & fitted kitchen diner
Benefits from downstairs wc
Family bathroom with white suite
Double glazing & warm air central heating
EPC rating: D
£74,950 Ref: D1335

MILEBROOK GROVE, BARTLEY GREEN



Semi with large corner plot & parking
22ft lounge/diner, kitchen & utility
Two double bedrooms & bathroom
Gardens to front, rear & side
UPVC DBG, GCH
EPC rating D
£89,950 Ref: D1323

RIDGACRE ROAD WEST, QUINTON



2 double bedroom semi detached home
no upward chain - vacant possession
23ft lounge diner, kitchen & side veranda
Upstairs bathroom off bedroom 2
Gas central heating & majority UPVC DG
Rear garden - EPC rating: D
£94,950 Ref: D1288

DOUGLAS ROAD, OLDBURY



Well proportioned 3 bed end terrace
Much improved & all well presented
Refitted kitchen, lounge, d/s shower room
Generous rear garden with patio.
Benefitting UPVC DBG & GCH
Ideal 1st time purchase. EPC rating D
£115,000 Ref: D1330

CLAY LANE, OLDBURY



Modern & well presented 2 bed home
Driveway to front giving off road parking
Lounge, fitted kitchen & downstairs wc
Lawn rear garden with patio
Gas central heating & majority upvc dg
EPC rating: C
£115,000 Ref: D1332

PARSONS HILL, OLDBURY



3 bed semi with landscaped rear garden
Spacious open plan layout with 21ft lounge
17ft 7 kitchen diner overlooking garden
Two double & one single bed, & bathroom
Parking for multiple vehicles
UPVC DBG Gas central heating - EPC rating E
£144,950 Ref: D1316

ABBAY ROAD, SMETHWICK



3 bed semi with garage & parking
Close to warley park & oldbury border
Two reception rooms, kitchen
Front & enclosed rear garden
Benefitting DBG & gas central heating
No upward chain. EPC rating: E
£159,950 Ref: D1296

GALTON ROAD, SMETHWICK



Terraced home with 3 good size bedrooms
No upward chain - vacant possession
25ft lounge diner & 16ft fitted kitchen
Bathroom with white suite on 1st floor
Gas central heating fitted
Lawn garden to rear. EPC rating: D
£169,950 Ref: D1326

MANSON DRIVE, CRADLEY HEATH



4 bed detached home with conservatory
20ft lounge leading to separate dining area
16ft breakfast kitchen & utility room
Master bedroom with en-suite shower room
Garage & driveway & in-out-door location
GCH & majority upvc dg. EPC rating: C
£205,000 Ref: D1322

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, OLDBURY



Extended 5 bedroom semi-detached home
Extended breakfast kitchen & lounge diner
5 good bedrooms with separate shower
Block paved driveway & integral garage
Private landscaped and lawned garden
GCH and majority UPVC double glazing
£220,000 Ref: D1197

MANOR WAY, HALESOWEN



Impressive 4 bed detached home
Breakfast kitchen & 2 x rec rooms
Master bed with ensuite, sep. Bathroom
Landscaped gardens, swimming pool
Overlooking open countryside
Integral garage. EPC rating: E
£429,950 Ref: D816

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NEW

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£250,000

Extended semi detached house situated on a popular residential estate. Comprising four bedrooms and double garage. Halesowen.

Mount Street, Halesowen



NEW

Awaiting EPC



£160,000

A traditional semi detached house comprising lounge diner, three bedrooms and family bathroom. Halesowen.

Huntingtree Road, Halesowen



Awaiting EPC

£180,000

This semi detached house is situated in a popular residential area. Lounge, dining room, kitchen and three bedrooms. Halesowen.

Dingle Avenue, Cradley Heath



NEW

Awaiting EPC

£100,000

A semi detached house comprising lounge, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, three bedrooms, driveway and rear garden. Halesowen.

Cherry Orchard Crescent, Halesowen



EPC D

£146,950

This three bedroom semi detached property is situated in a popular location at the head of a cul-de-sac. Halesowen.

Walmley Close, Halesowen



EPC D

Offers Over£190,000

Modern detached house situated in a cul-de-sac on a popular residential estate. Comprises lounge, conservatory and three bedrooms. Halesowen.

Darby's Hill Road, Tividale



NEW

EPC C

Offers Over£120,000

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising through lounge/diner, kitchen, family bathroom, garage and driveway.

Sandfield Grove, Dudley



NEW

Awaiting EPC

Offers Over£130,000

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, rear garden and driveway.

Wades Close, Tipton



New Price

EPC C

Offers Over£120,000

This well presented three bedroom, three storey end terraced townhouse briefly comprises lounge, kitchen/diner, rear garden, driveway and garage.

Pimlico Court, Dudley



New Price

EPC D

Offers Over£100,000

Terraced three bedroom property comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and parking.

Farmer Way, Tipton



NEW

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Motoring

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Kia's most powerful model yet

By Ian Donaldson

IT'S called managing expectation; being told before you drive a new car that it's not as fast and furious as you might expect. And it wasn't.

Instead Kia, with its most powerful model to date, has produced a handsome, sporty looking coupé that's quick enough for most people and sufficiently civilised not to become a bore as you drive deep into its seven-year warranty.

Kia doesn't expect to sell shedloads of these two-door Procee'd GTs, and not all that many even when the more practical GT four-door hatch arrives early next year.

But with prices starting at a fiver less than £20,000 for a well equipped 'basic' version of the coupé, it's sure to attract enough attention to make dealers happy. Most owners are going to be happy too with a car that's effortlessly pleasing to drive, if not the tearaway terror that you can buy for a lot more

money from the likes of Ford and Volkswagen (think Focus ST and Golf GTI respectively).

Kia has taken the worldwide warm hatch template for the new GT. That means a turbo to boost engine power, bigger brakes and firmed suspension and a body made a bit more aggressive to behold.

Turbo

Inside, there's a set of sporty seats from Recaro, a sure sign the company takes its car seriously, and a lovely, readable dash display that springs from conventional speedo to digital readout with turbo and torque displays at the press of a steering wheel button.

Add in air-con and big alloy wheels and the GT looks great value for money. Pay a bit more (£22,495) and you add climate control, satnav, heated seats and steering wheel, along with xenon headlights and auto wipers.

An even better equipped launch special edition (£23,995) is restricted to 50 sales in the UK and piles on a sunroof and red ambient lighting inside and your own numbered car plaque in the

cabin. This one comes in white only; the others add black and red to the palette.

For the present, though, let's concentrate on the more instantly appreciated side of the car. It's a practical beast; once past those big doors you'll find plenty of room in the rear for a couple of adults.

The boot looks huge and there's a sensible net to keep the groceries secure. It rides nicely and there's enough precision in gear change and brake pedal to impress a press-on driver.

The GT is built in Slovakia and feels thoroughly European. It would slot in alongside a Golf GTI, say, in the Silverstone car park and not look the least a poor relation.

It's another example of the astonishing journey Kia has taken from its native South Korea in just a few short years. A decade ago a car like the Procee'd GT would have seemed unthinkable from a company producing dull cars that sold on price alone.

Today, this latest Kia shows just why so many competitor companies around the world are upping their game in a relentless display of catch up, or die.



The new Procee'd GT coupé two-door. A more practical, four-door version arrives early next year

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Motoring

Boot size matters with the new VW Golf estate



The new VW Golf Estate which has 60 per cent more boot space than the latest Golf hatchback model

THE new Golf Estate has been revealed, boasting around 60 per cent more boot space than the latest hatchback despite an identical wheelbase.

The luggage area, measured only in the boot itself up to the back seats and load cover, has been boosted from the hatchback's 380 litres to an enormous 605 litres.

This Mk VII model signals a big increase from the Mk VI, which had 505 litres at its disposal. With the seats down the maximum load volume is 1,620 litres, up from 1,495 litres in the old Golf Estate. A payload of around

600kg for all models is equivalent to some small vans, and depending on engine choice the new Golf Estate can tow a braked trailer of up to 1,600kg up inclines of 12 per cent.

A multi-level boot floor ensures a flat load area even when the seats are folded, while the rolling load cover can be stored underneath the boot when not needed. The rear seats can be folded remotely via a release in the boot.

Cylinder

Four petrol engines will be offered. An 84bhp version of the turbocharged 1.2-litre TSI will come with a five-speed manual gearbox only, while the more powerful 1.2-litre TSI 104bhp,

1.4-litre TSI 120bhp and 1.4-litre TSI ACT 138bhp with cylinder deactivation technology all come with either six-speed manual or seven-speed DSG gearboxes.

Three diesels encompass a wide range of performance, from a humble 89bhp 1.6-litre TDI to a 104bhp version of the same engine and a flagship

2.0-litre TDI with 148bhp. They will use five- or six-speed manual gearboxes as standard, with DSG automatics available for an extra cost on the 104bhp and 148bhp choices.

A full BlueMotion model will be made available later in the year, with expected emissions scores of 85.6mpg and 87g/km of CO₂.



The Mercedes Benz S-Class which will start to be delivered in October I will have a starting price of £62,650

New Mercedes Benz S-Class prices to start at £62,500

FOLLOWING its international debut, Mercedes-Benz has announced further details and UK prices for its range-topping S-Class saloon, and is now available to order.

With a three engine line up of one diesel, one petrol and one petrol hybrid – S350 BlueTEC, S400 Hybrid and S500 – the new range also offers two trim choices of SE Line and AMG Line, as well as the standard and long wheelbase options, with UK production commencing in September ahead of deliveries in October.

Hybrid

The new S-Class offers up to a nine per cent increase in power over the outgoing model, an 18 per cent reduction in CO₂ (147 g/km for the S400 Hybrid) and 22 per cent improvement in fuel consumption (44.8 mpg for the S400 Hybrid).

Improved levels of standard equipment over the already impressive outgoing S-Class, includes the addition of a reversing camera, COMAND Online NTG 5, full LED Intelligent Light System, DAB digital radio and Keyless Start.

Prices start from £62,650 for the S350 BlueTEC SE Line, rising to £65,650 for the S350 BlueTEC L SE Line, £69,650 for the S400 Hybrid L SE Line and £88,130 for the S500 L AMG Line.



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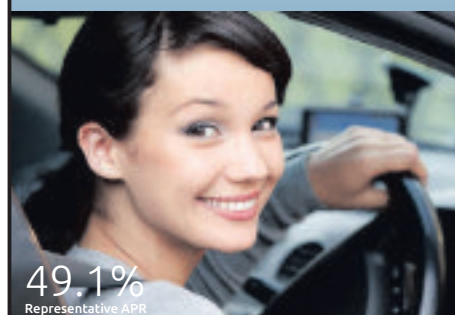
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Seconds lose out on home turf

THE George's second team lost 209-200 at home to Dudley Dell in the South Staffs Premier Division despite having seven winners and leading for most of the match.

The hosts were in front by seven shots after the first four thanks to big wins from Ray Broadfield (21-8) and Chris Lambert (21-9).

The middle four games saw The George increase their advantage to 15 shots with victories from Will Freeman (21-17), Eric Winstone and Keith Walton (both 21-18).

However, it all went wrong in the back four. Martin McGuinness and Adrian Ford both won 21-17 but two heavy single-figure defeats saw The George lose by nine shots.

The third team continued their form with a 249-174 success over Bradford Arms in the Warwick & Worcester Alliance Division Three.

There were only four shots in it after the first four, Peter Hayne (21-17) and Lee Dicken (21-18) both winning.

The George took control in the middle four. Wins from Paul Rose (21-9), Dave James (21-11), Steve Wyton (21-14) and Neil Hopwood (21-15) increased the lead to 39 shots.

In the final four games, John Deakin (21-8), Fred Richards (21-12), Jim Anderson (21-13) and Joe Arnot (21-15) all won to give The George victory by 75 shots.

Skipper's knock can't save Old Hill

OLD HILL saw their Staffordshire Cup hopes ended by a home defeat at the hands of Oulton.

Oulton pulled off the biggest surprise of round two as they secured a 14-run success at Haden Hill.

The visitors racked up 221-9 in their 45 overs. Dmitry Ratnyayke and Nitesh Patel both claimed three wickets.

In reply, only skipper Danny Cox made an impression with the bat. Cox was left 60 not out as Old Hill were dismissed for 207 with 11 balls to spare.

Wolverhampton progressed thanks to an eight-wicket success against Burslem while defending champions Walsall chased down 277 for victory at Wombourne.

Clegg's aiming to get back up to speed

TALENTED teenager Max Clegg is hoping to recapture his best form after a frustrating two weeks with Dudley.

The 16-year-old has been a star performer in 2013, although his scores did decrease slightly in two clashes against a strong Wolves side over the past fortnight.

He remains pleased with his season so far, but he is aiming to get back to his best – starting when the former Cradley club welcome National League newcomers Kent to Monmore on July 30.

Clegg said: "Overall it's still going really well for me this

season. I've had a couple of double figure scores which I've been really pleased with and I've been scoring plenty of points.

"It's gone a bit downhill the last couple of weeks, but I've still been doing OK.

"Hopefully I'll get back up to where I was soon and do well over the second half of the season.

"It wasn't too bad for me against Wolves. I plugged away and scored a few points.

"I tried my best and I can't do any more than that, so I was happy even though I would have liked a few more points."

Dudley Heathens

Clegg made a guest appearance for King's Lynn and scored eight at Buxton on Sunday.

He's also appearing regularly on the junior development league to add more experience as he looks forward to an exciting second half of the season with Dudley.

Meanwhile, Cradley legend Greg Hancock was the hero as he guided the USA into the World Cup race-off in Prague tonight.

Denmark took the honours in Event Two of the competition at

Kings Lynn on Monday with Great Britain second, but the story of the night arguably came in the battle for third place as the USA produced a heroic performance to join the Brits plus Australia and Latvia in the race-off.

After years in the wilderness, the Americans, managed by another ex-Heathen Billy Hamill, emerged victorious ahead of injury-hit Sweden in only their second year back in the competition to book their place at the Market Stadium.

The winners progress to Saturday's final, also in Prague.

Hancock scored 16 of their 23 points including a priceless heat 14 victory while playing a double points joker to all but seal their progression.

Wolves rider Tai Woffinden was the star of the show for Great Britain with 18 points as they finished behind the power-packed Danes.

Denmark 49: Niels-Kristian Iversen 13, Nicki Pedersen 13, Michael Jepsen Jensen 12, Kenneth Sjørring 11.

Great Britain 35: Tai Woffinden 18, Chris Harris 12, Craig Cook 4, Edward Kennett 1.

USA 24: Greg Hancock 16, Ricky Wells 4, Ryan Fisher 3, Gino Mancares 1.

Sweden 18: Peter Ljung 11, Daniel Nermark 5, Dennis Andersson 2, Jonas Davidsson 0.

Baggies' standing will grow to put it Brunt-ly

CHRIS BRUNT is backing Albion to prosper in the Premier League – but admits a venture into Europe looks unlikely unless they add to their playing numbers.

The Hawthorns skipper is adamant Steve Clarke's men can continue to make progress but reckons sealing Europa League qualification will be tough with the current squad size.

Nicolas Anelka is the only signing of the summer so far while Romelu Lukaku and Marc-Antoine Fortune have departed from last season's first-team set-up, while away striker Peter Odemwingie is almost certain to depart.

"Who knows what is possible if we can bring the right players in?" said Brunt, as he took a break from training at Albion's pre-season base in Austria.

"But I think Europe would be a big ask for a club of our size.

"That's something that would need to be looked at, but it's not my department.

"If we can do what we did last season by keeping the squad together and making a few additions there is no reason why we can't improve again.

"But with the new TV money coming there are a lot of clubs spending and that's going to make it more difficult as well."

Hawthorns chairman Jeremy Peace used an end-of-season speech to reiterate his belief that Clarke must operate with a pool of 22 first-team players.

Brunt is confident the Baggies' cautious approach is vindicated by their improvement in recent seasons.

"We keep saying that

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every season we want improvement and last season we definitely did that," he said.

"We almost got to 50 points last season, and there have been times in the past when 15 points seemed a bit difficult.

"We've gone about it steadily and done nothing really quickly and that's probably the best way to do it for a club of our size.

"Every summer is big, especially for a club like us, and every summer people move on and people come in," he said.

"In my time here the club have been good in their decision-making.

"I know the majority of the lads in the dressing room want to stay because it's a successful club that's going places at the moment.

"The rest is up to the club and they've always been good in their decision-making, so I'm sure they'll get it right."



Baggies new-boy Nicolas Anelka goes through his paces during a training session at Albion's base in Graz, Austria



Albion's Ben Foster, left, cools down fellow keeper Boaz Myhill



Skipper Chris Brunt, left, chats to Steve Clarke

Aziz leads the way with bat and ball

A FINE all-round performance from Rameez Aziz fired Halesowen CC to victory over Startford-upon-Avon in Division Two of the Birmingham League.

Aziz took 4-48 to help the visitors to 208-8 from their 55 overs.

The all-rounder then struck an unbeaten 72, gaining good support from Mohammed Shoaib (70) and Mo Ishtiaq (43 not out) to see Halesowen home.

Stourbridge lost ground on the leaders as they suffered a four-wickets defeat at the hands of Old Elizabethans.

Stourbridge were dismissed for 184 with Alex Bingham (32), Richard Bradley (30) and Jitesh Jiven-Patel (29) their main run scorers. Matthew Bradley and Peraz Ifran took two wickets each as OE's eased to victory.

Old Hill stayed 12 points clear of the Division One drop zone after holding on for a losing draw against promotion-chasing Dorridge.

Nitesh Patel hit a classy 85 as the Haden Hill side hung on at 189-8, after the visitors had compiled 253-6.

In the Premier Division, Stuart Wedge fired Himley to victory at Knowle and Dorridge.

The former Worcestershire seamer shone with bat and ball to lead the Stourbridge Road outfit to an impressive 116-run success.

Wedge top scored with 66 in Himley's 226-7 and then took 3-19 as the hosts were routed for 110.

Westwood signs deal

ASHLEY WESTWOOD has landed a bumper new deal with Villa.

A year into his Villa career, the 23-year-old midfielder has been rewarded for his impressive contribution in his debut Premier League season with a four-year contract.

While Westwood has signed, centre-half Richard Dunne has left for a one-year contract at QPR while Middlesbrough manager Tony Mowbray is pondering a move for Stephen Ireland.

Villa remain braced for the follow-up to Christian Benteke's transfer request in the form of a concrete bid from one of Spurs, Chelsea or Arsenal.

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Yeltz are braced for Wulfs

HALESOWEN TOWN continue preparations for the new season this Saturday when they travel to AFC Wulfrunians.

John Hill's side can expect a tough test against last year's West Midlands Premier champions.

The manager is expected to have a full squad to choose from as the Yeltz look to pick up their first win of pre-season.

Trialist Kyle Brady could feature against his former club, having played the second half of the Yeltz's 2-1 defeat to a Walsall XI last Wednesday. The striker scored 25 goals in just 15 appearances for Wulfrunians last season and his nomadic career has also taken in stops at Stourbridge and Tividale.

Yeltz Chairman Colin Brookes said: "Wulfrunians will be a good test for us.

"They've got some good players in their side and the pitch at their ground is always in great condition."

The Yeltz then travel to Midland Combination Sporting side Bromsgrove Sporting on Tuesday night, while an extra friendly has been arranged against Midland Alliance outfit Causeway United at the Grove on July 30.

Yeltz fixtures

Aug 17	Lincoln United	.....A
Aug 20	Sutton Coldfield Town	.....H
Aug 24	Carlton Town	.....H
Aug 26	Chasetown	.....A
Aug 31	FA Cup Prelim	.....A
Sep 04	Doodson Sport Cup Prelim	.....A
Sep 07	Bedworth United	.....A
Sep 10	Romulus	.....H
Sep 14	FA Cup Q1	.....A
Sep 21	Brigg Town	.....H
Sep 24	Kidsgrove Athletic	.....A
Sep 28	Mkt Drayton FA Cup Q2	.....H
Oct 01	Rainworth Miners Welfare	.....A
Oct 05	FA Trophy Prelim	.....A
Oct 12	Sheffield FC FA Cup Q3	.....A
Oct 15	Gresley FC	.....H
Oct 19	FA Trophy Q1	.....A
Oct 22	Leek Town	.....A
Oct 26	Goole AFC FA Cup Q4	.....H
Oct 28	Romulus	.....A
Nov 02	FA Trophy Q2	.....A
Nov 05	Kidsgrove Athletic	.....H
Nov 09	Newcastle Twn FA Cup 1	.....A
Nov 13	Doodson Sport Cup 1	.....A
Nov 16	Coalville FA Trophy Q3	.....H
Nov 23	Scarborough Athletic	.....A
Nov 30	Mickleover FA Trophy 1	.....H
Dec 04	Doodson Sport Cup 2	.....A
Dec 07	Lincoln United FA Cup 2	.....H
Dec 14	Sutton Coldfield FA Trophy 2A
Dec 21	Belper TownH
Dec 26	Eastwood TownA
Dec 28	Loughborough DynamoA
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Jan 01	ChasetownH
Jan 04	Bedworth Utd FA Cup 3H
Jan 11	Brigg Town FA Trophy 3A
Jan 18	Rainworth MW	.....H
Jan 25	Mkt Drayton FA Cup 4	.....A
Feb 01	Sheffield FC FA Trophy 4	.....H
Feb 08	Gresley FC	.....A
Feb 15	Goole AFC FA Cup 5/FA Trophy Semi-Final 1	.....A
Feb 22	Doodson Sport Cup 3	.....A
Mar 01	Leek FA Trophy S/F 2	.....H
Mar 08	Coalville Town FA Cup 6	.....A
Mar 15	Newcastle Town	.....H
Mar 22	FA Trophy Final/Doodson Sport Cup Semi-Finals	.....H
Mar 29	Scarborough Athletic	.....H
Apr 05	Mickleover Sports	.....A
Apr 12	L'borough D FA Cup S/F	.....H
Apr 19	Carlton Town	.....A
Apr 21	Eastwood Town	.....H
Apr 26	Belper Town	.....A
May 17	FA Cup Final	.....A

Swimmers find going tough in league match

Swimming

HALESOWEN swimmers travelled to Nuneaton on Saturday for the A final of the Mercian Summer League.

With the top six in the league competing for honours, it was going to be a tough night, especially as the club's 25 regional qualifiers were not eligible for selection.

It became clear early on the team were going to struggle and by half-way they were trailing in last spot by 13 points.

The swimmers still produced many fine individual performances and personal best times but were unable to improve their position and had to settle for a creditable sixth

place overall in the league. Individual wins were elusive with stars of the show Sam Bradley-Wood winning the backstroke and Ryan Spoor the breaststroke. The relay teams found the going tough with only the age 14 and under girls medley team of Ruby Fell, Lauren Hill, Talia Mitchell and Emma Parsons able to snatch a win on the night.

In the Nuneaton Junior League Round 3 last month the junior team had their third successive home draw with the swimmers aiming make it five consecutive first divi-

sion league appearances in a row. Achieving this was never going to be easy.

It was clear early on that Leicester Penguins were the team to beat when they quickly established a clear 10 point lead.

Despite giving their all, Halesowen claimed a clear runners-up place and had to settle for seventh place overall in the league, just one point short of reaching the final.

Double individual winners were Kate Morrice and Ben Meakin in the freestyle and butterfly with Jakob Baker (freestyle), James Cuthbert (butterfly) and Jack Simpson and Euan Vaughan-Hawkins

(backstroke) individual winners. The relay teams put on a strong show with the boys age 11 and 12 teams winning both freestyle and medley events including team members Daniel Hipkiss and Jack Vale. The girls under 11, including Nicol Green, Amber Harrison and Kitty Luscombe, won the medley relay with the combined girls, boys and mixed freestyle teams including Elitia Green, Lucy Sadler, Ruby Hanke, Sophie Parsons, India Hanke, Emma Bird, Dermot Cameron, Oliver Bradley-Wood, Aaron Spoor, Louis Gaskin, Georgia Harper-Neale and Daniel Smyllie proving unbeatable.

Blackbird hammers his way to glory

LEWIS BLACKBIRD homed in for glory as he landed a memorable success in the F.A.S.T Golden Hammer.

The 26-year-old turned on the style as he became the first Heathen to lift the prestigious trophy since Billy Hamill in 1996.

Ironically, American legend Hamill handed over the prize having attended the meeting as guest of honour.

Blackbird started his evening in fine style with a win - yet he was left trailing behind Steve Worrall in his second outing.

However, he bounced back in impressive style to record back-to-back race wins - the later following a close three-way battle with Ashley Morris and Brady Kurtz in heat 1.4.

Yet while Blackbird continued to star, 2012 champion Kyle Newman had also moved on to 11 points entering the final round of heats.

With a tight finale in prospect, Newman was unable to take victory against impressive Aussie youngster Kurtz in his final outing, ending on 13.

That gave Blackbird the chance to steal victory in his final ride. After a nervous wait due to a tapes malfunction, he out-gated teammate Paul Starke to take the chequered flag.

Newman's slip-up allowed Worrall a chance to take second as he forced a run-off, yet he could not get the better of the Somerset man.

Scores: Lewis Blackbird 14, Kyle Newman 13 (after a run off), Steve Worrall 13, Paul Starke 11, Ashley Morris 11, Brady Kurtz 11, Darryl Ritchings 8, James Sargeant 7, Max Clegg 6, Kyle Hughes 5, Dan Greenwood 5, Robert Branford 5, Gareth Isherwood 4, Max Plunl 4, Nathan Greaves 2, Luke Chessell 0.

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MULUMBU AGREES NEW ALBION DEAL

ALBION midfielder Youssouf Mulumbu has set his sights on Europe after signing a new deal at The Hawthorns.

The DR Congo international has ended a summer of contract talks by penning a new two-year contract with a further year's option in the club's favour.

And the 26-year-old, who has been linked with moves to Premier League big-boys since he arrived in 2009, believes Albion can match his ambitions and push for Europe.

"When you finish a season, you look to the future and every player wants to play in a big team," he said.

"But if the club you are at responds and grows, you can grow up together. I'm 26 this year and I think I'm in a good team.

"I think we can aim for Europe - but we have to prove this on the pitch.

"We're going to be under pressure because, at the moment, we are the best team in the Midlands. We need to try to prove that again this year."

Mulumbu is delighted with the summer arrival of his close friend, former France striker Nicolas Anelka and is confident further additions will be made as Albion bid to build on last season's eighth-placed finish.

"I came back from my holidays and saw my friend Nicolas Anelka had signed and now I've signed a new contract," said Mulumbu.

"We've improved every year I've been here. We've finished 11th, tenth and eighth and I'm really looking forward to the new season, as I think we have brought a good element with Nicolas signing.

"I think we'll also sign more players.

"The fact is that, if you're in a team that progresses

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each year, you don't have to leave."

Head coach Steve Clarke said: "Youssouf is a talented player and the fact he is willing to sign a contract extension shows we're doing the right thing as a club.

"Youssouf is an important player for the group - the number of games he's played in the past few seasons underlines this fact.

"The really pleasing thing is that Youssouf should now be coming into his best years as a footballer and will hopefully spend them here."

Mulumbu, who had 12 months to run on his previous contract, signed in January 2009, initially on loan from Paris Saint Germain before completing a £175,000 permanent switch six months later.

Anelka was primed for his first public appearance in an Albion shirt tonight.

The Baggies face Bundesliga side Hannover 96 at the home of Austrian club FC Gleisdorf 09, around 30 minutes' drive from their training base in Bad Waltersdorf.

But while Anelak is expected to figure, Zoltan Gera and George Thorne will not play as they recover from knee injuries.

Bomber is kitted out for the Baggies



Hawthorns legend Tony 'Bomber' Brown, right, made a return to Albion colours alongside James Morrison as the Baggies unveiled their new kit. The strip will go on sale for the first time on July 24 but supporters can pre-order now, either online, on 0871 271 9795 or in person at the Stadium Megastore and Merry Hill Centre club shop.



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